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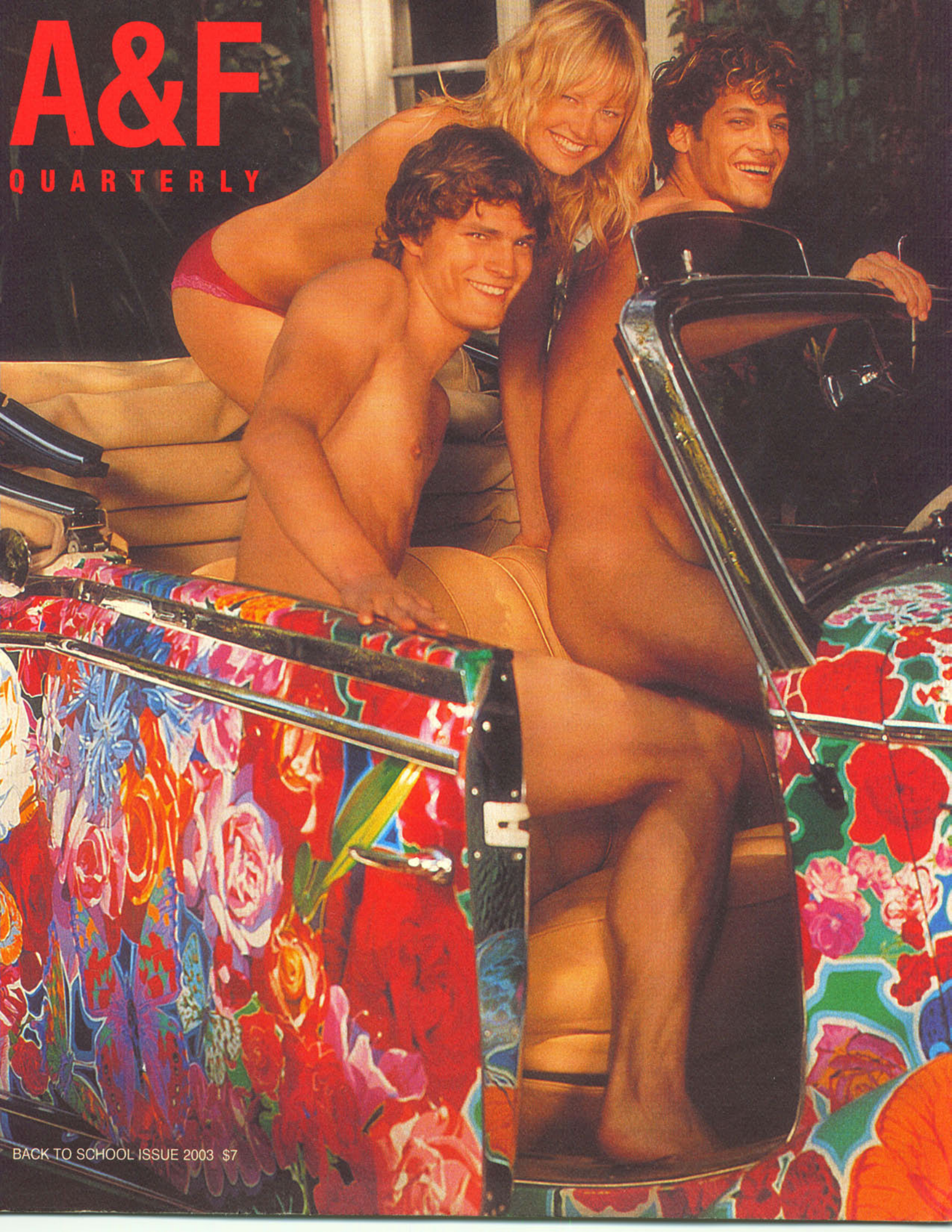

BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE 2003 $7

DEAR SAVAS, FRIEND! THIS IS ALL I WAS ABLE TO DO IN THESE CRAZY CIRCUMSTANCES! FEEL FREE TO USE ANY OF MY COMMENTS, OR NOT USE THEM, AND YOU CAN ALSO USE JUST PARTS OF MY COMMENTS!

ALL BEST, **SLAVOJ**

DEAR **SLAVOJ,** ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND THE IMAGES FOR OUR BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE. WE'VE NEVER HAD A PHILOSOPHER WRITE THE TEXT FOR OUR IMAGES BEFORE, SO WRITE WHAT YOU LIKE. WE'RE LOOKING FOR THAT "KARL MARX MEETS GROUCHO MARX" THING YOU DO SO WELL! THANKS, SAVAS

SLAVOJ ŽIŽEK IS A MAN WHO WILL TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT ANYTHING. A SLOVENIAN NATIONAL, ALL HEAVY EASTERN EUROPEAN ACCENT AND NERVOUS ENERGY, HE'LL EXPOUND ON LACANIAN-MARXIST THEORY OR GET CAUGHT UP WITH WHY HE THINKS LINDA FIORENTINO IS SO SEXY. SOMETIMES BOTH AT THE SAME TIME. ŽIŽEK'S *THE SUBLIME OBJECT OF IDEOLOGY* AND *THE PLAGUE OF FANTASIES* ARE ALREADY CANONICAL CLASSICS. HIS ESSAYS COVER EVERYTHING FROM ALFRED HITCHCOCK TO WAR AND TERRORISM IN A SERIES OF PARADOXICAL (SOMETIMES CONTRADICTORY) ARGUMENTS THAT BORDER ON COMEDIC GENIUS. HE'S WIDELY CONSIDERED THE MOST IMPORTANT PHILOSOPHER WORKING TODAY, BUT HERE AT A&F WE LIKE TO THINK OF HIM AS OUR OWN ACADEMIC-AT-LARGE. SO WHAT BETTER TIME TO CONSULT HIM THAN AT BACK TO SCHOOL?!

WE TRACKED DOWN ŽIŽEK DURING A WHIRLWIND THREE DAYS IN LONDON TO GET HIS INPUT...

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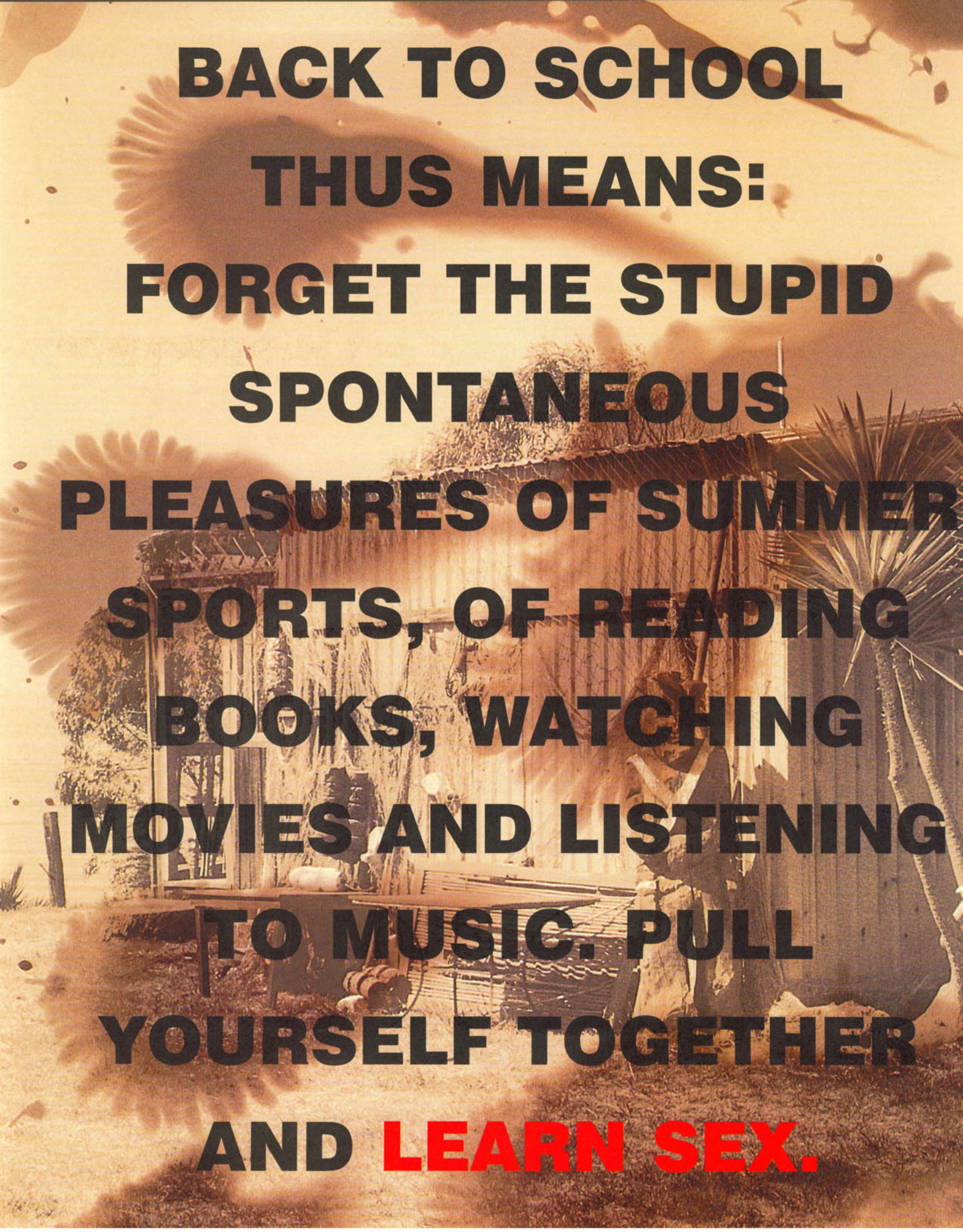
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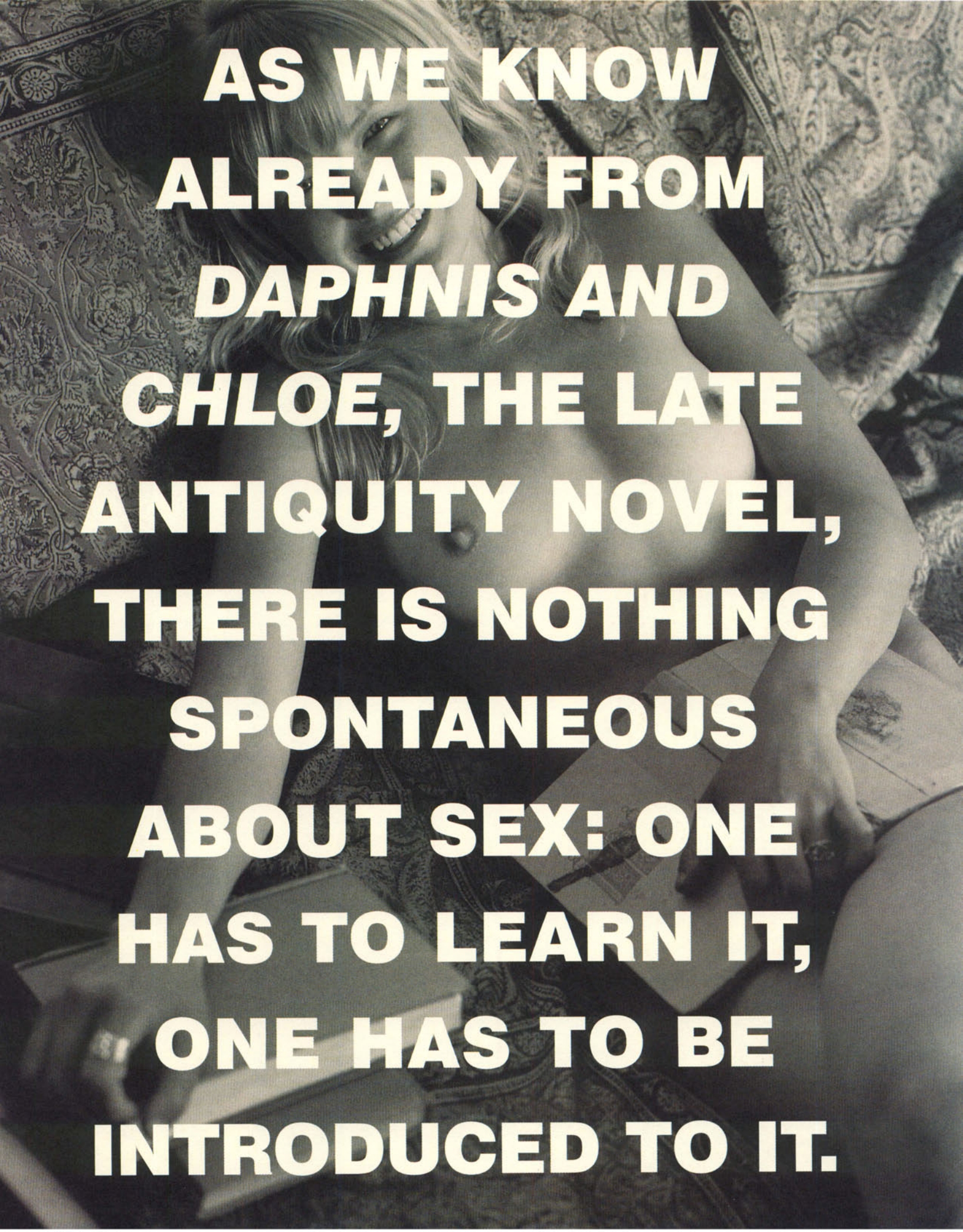
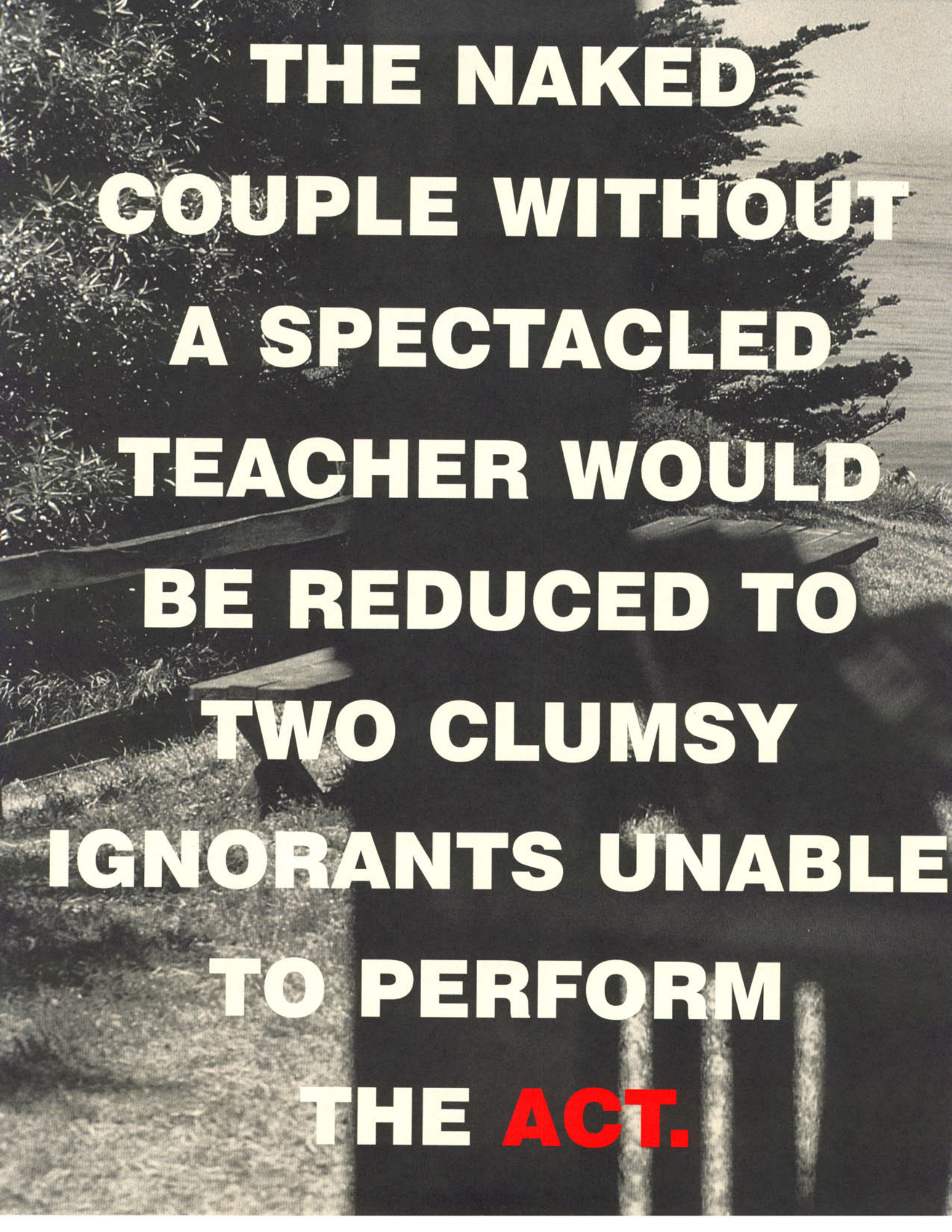


AS WE KNOW ALREADY FROM *DAPHNIS AND CHLOE*, THE LATE ANTIQUITY NOVEL, THERE IS NOTHING SPONTANEOUS ABOUT SEX: ONE HAS TO LEARN IT, ONE HAS TO BE INTRODUCED TO IT.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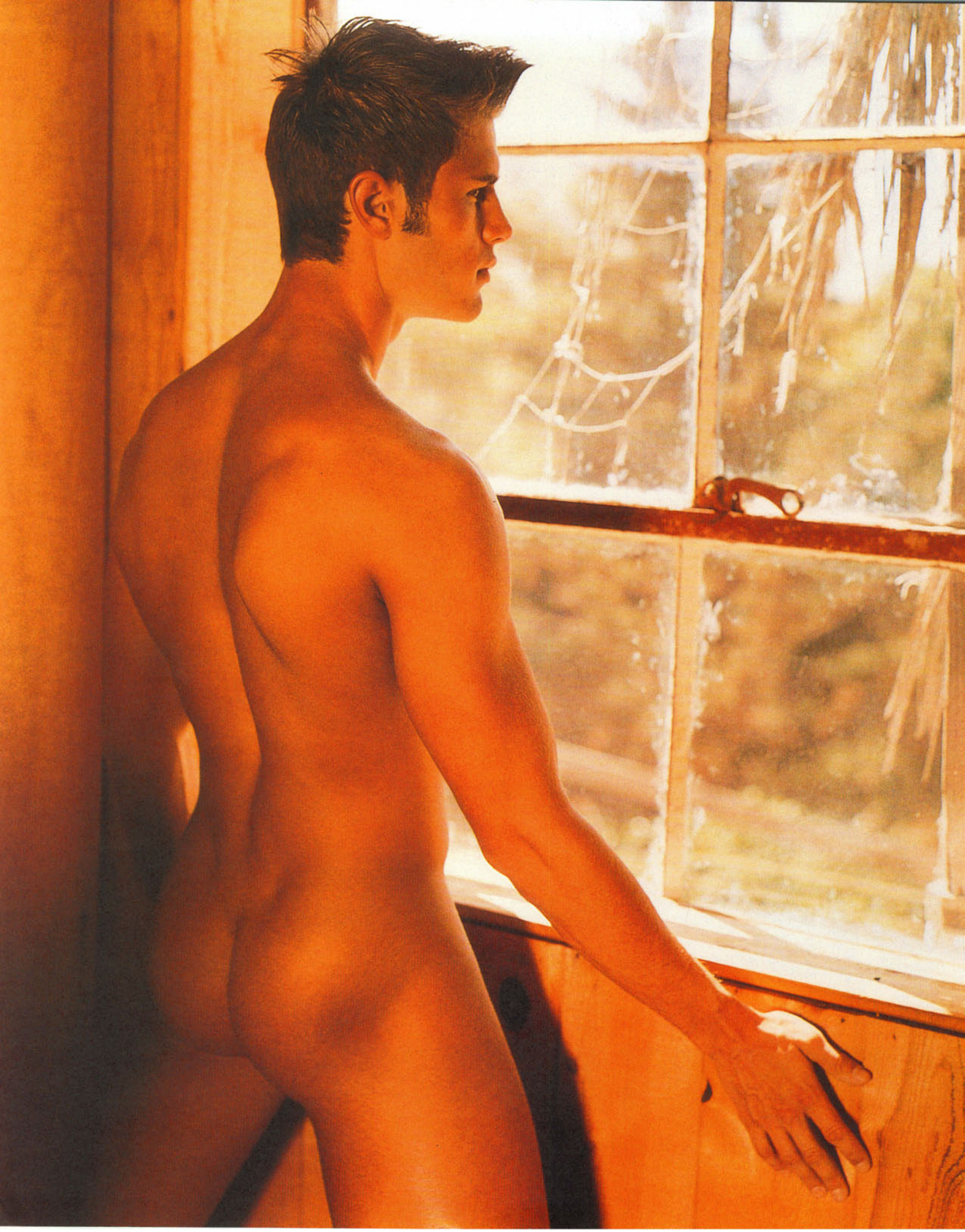
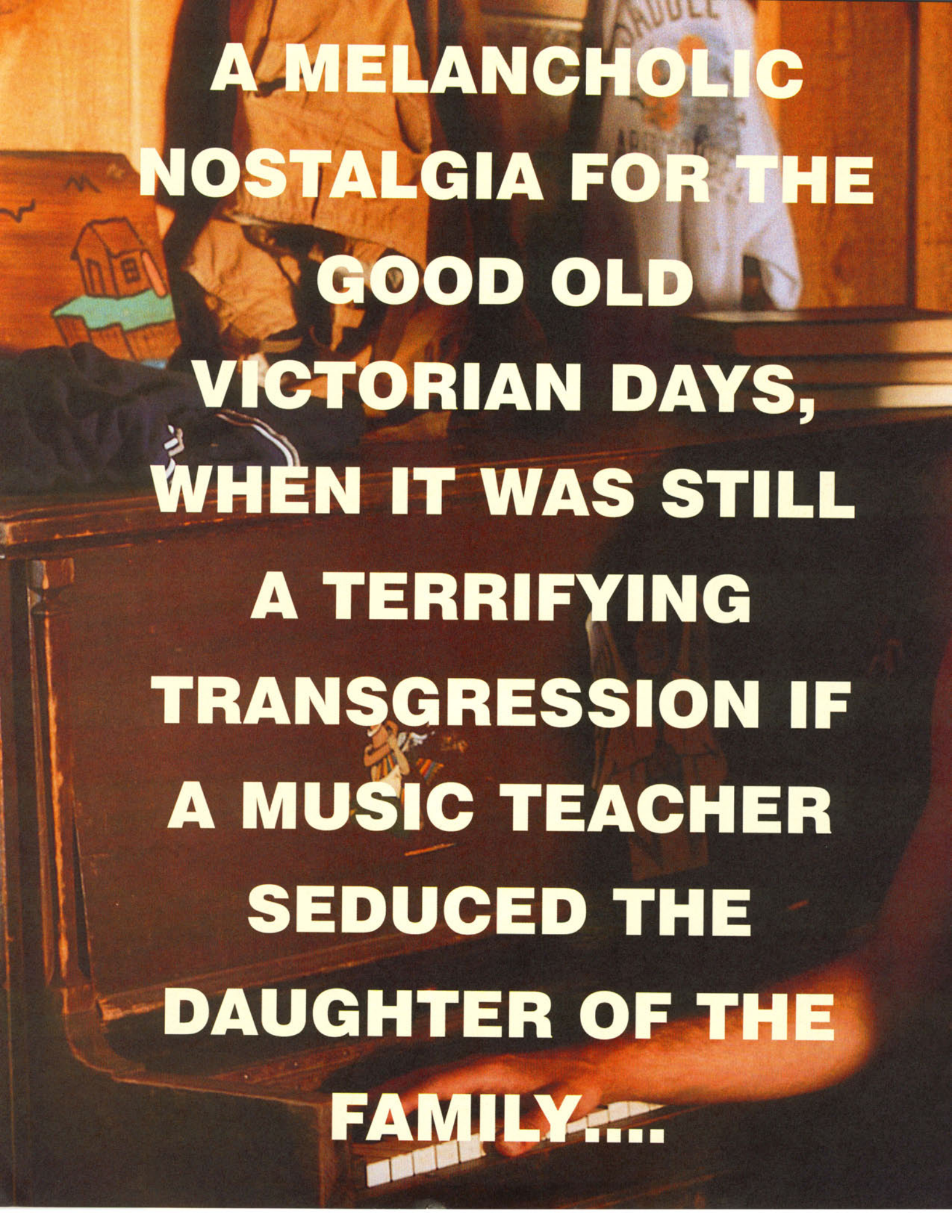
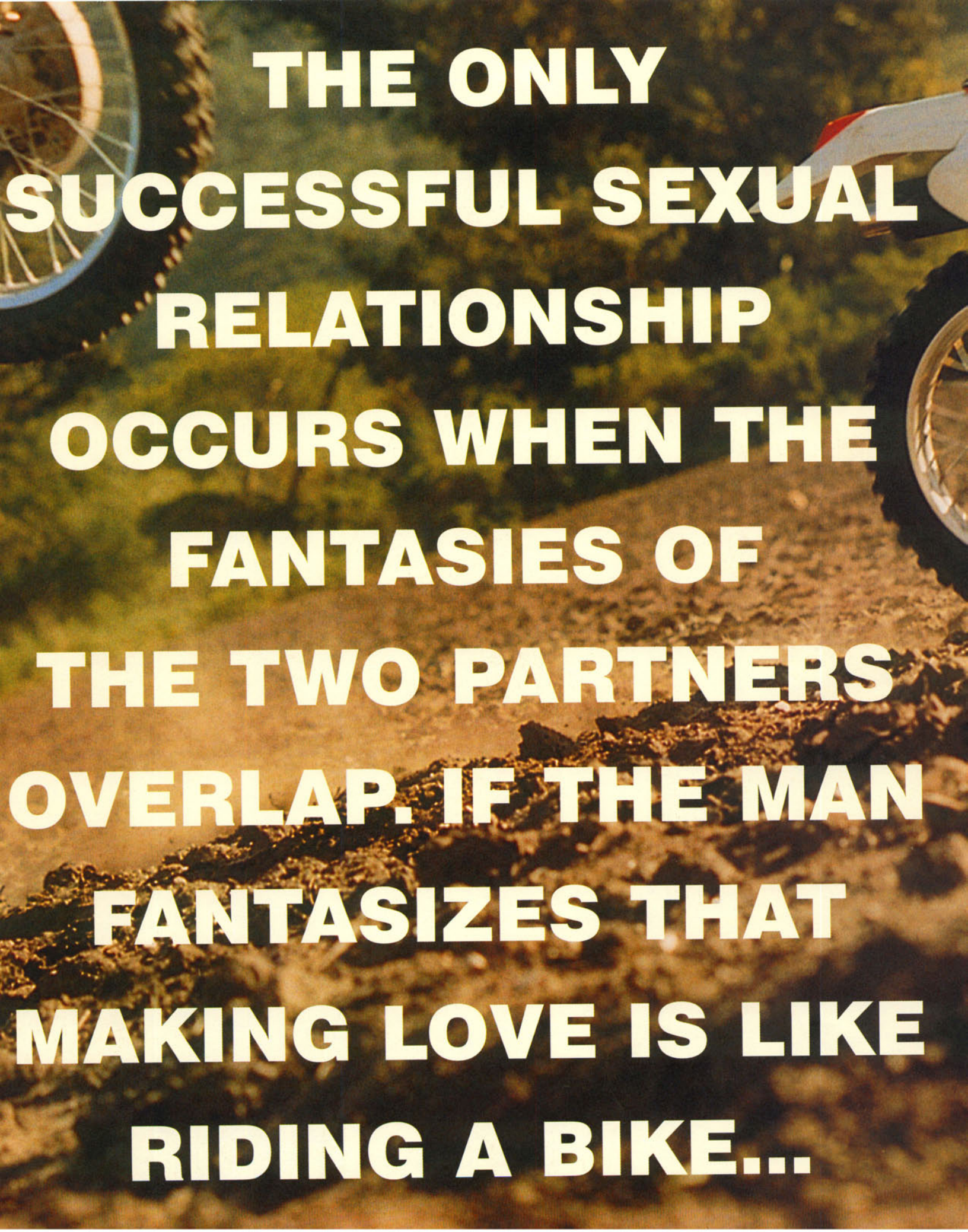



A MELANCHOLIC NOSTALGIA FOR THE GOOD OLD VICTORIAN DAYS, WHEN IT WAS STILL A TERRIFYING TRANSGRESSION IF A MUSIC TEACHER SEDUCED THE DAUGHTER OF THE FAMILY....


THE ONLY
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FANTASIZES THAT
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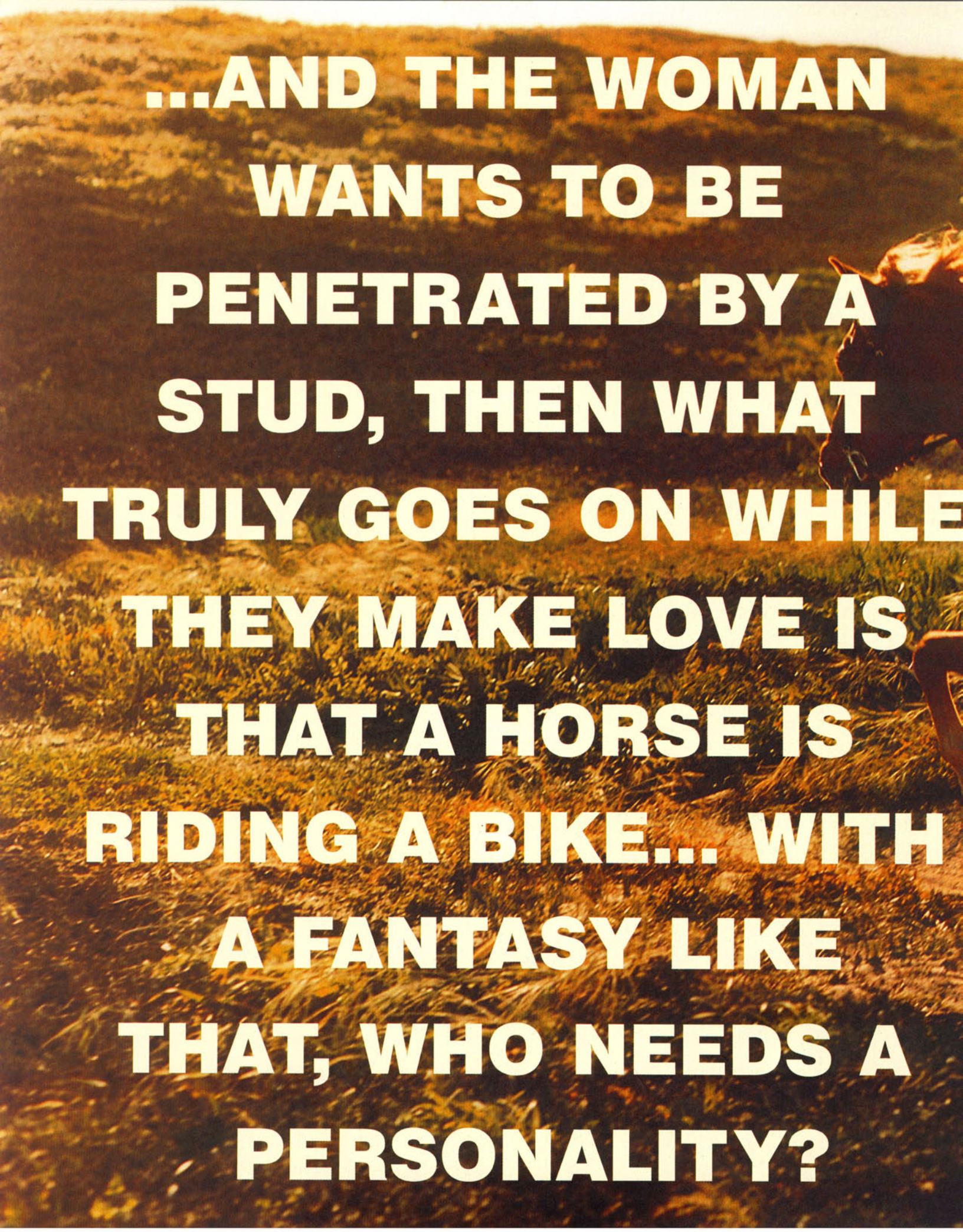
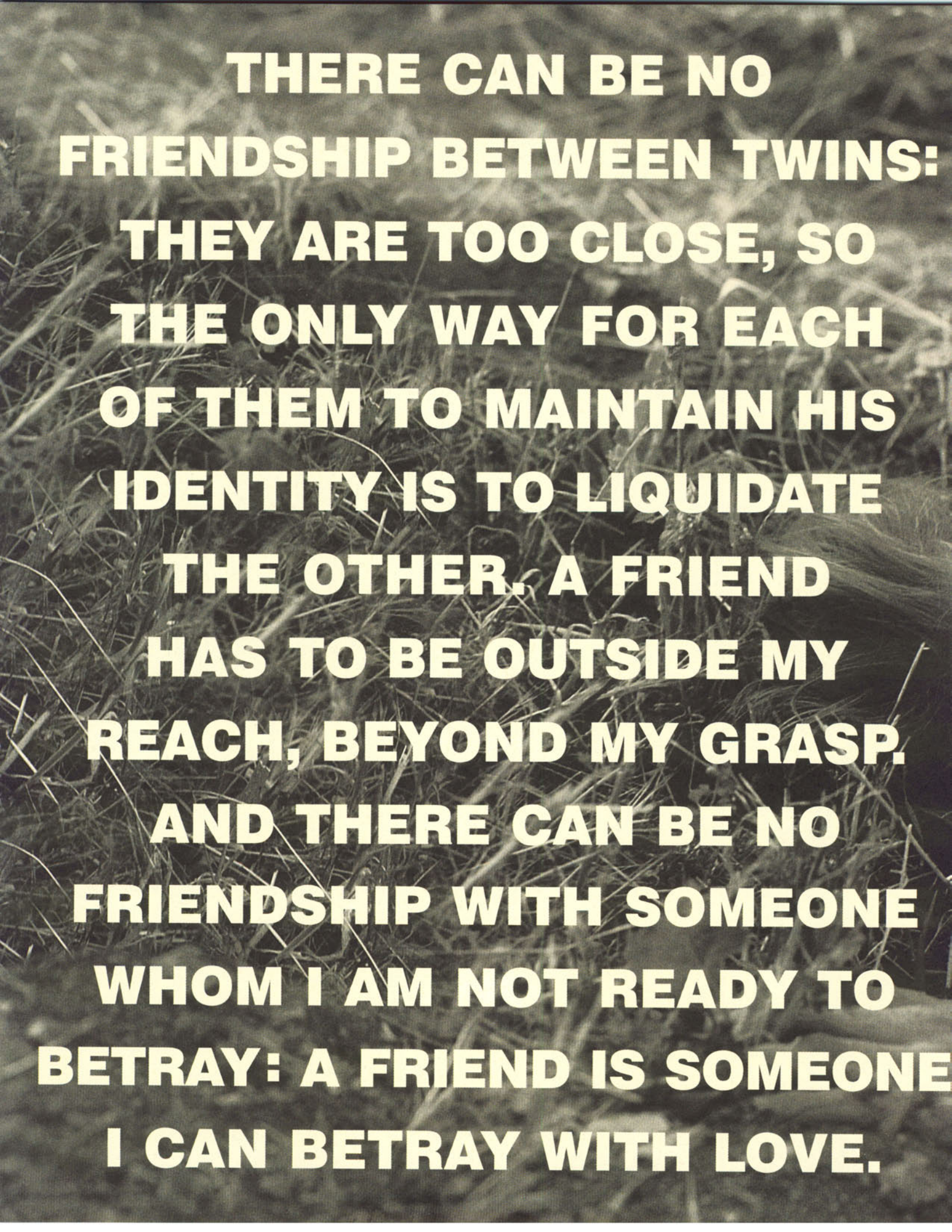
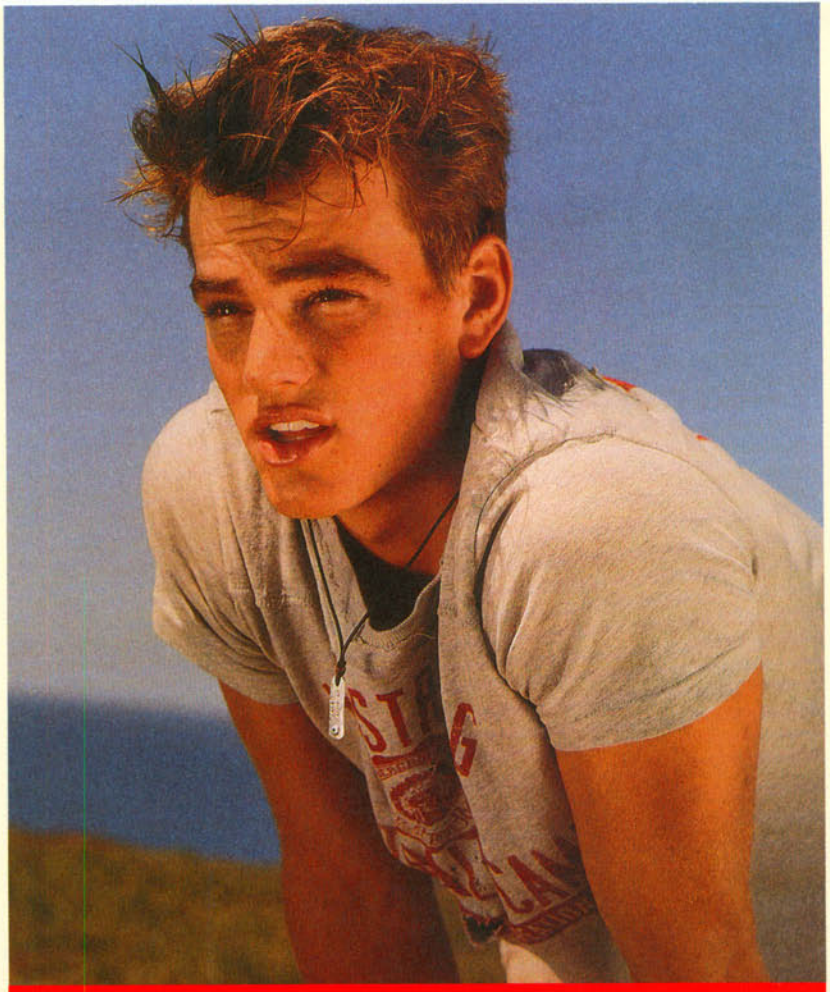
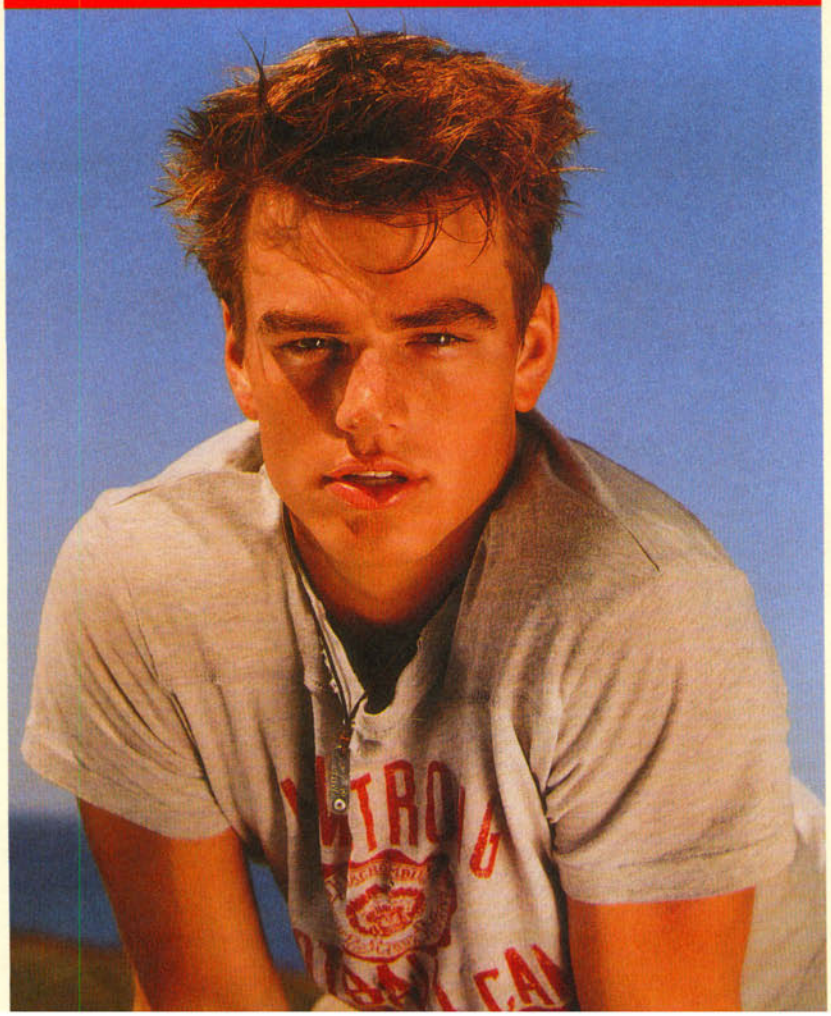
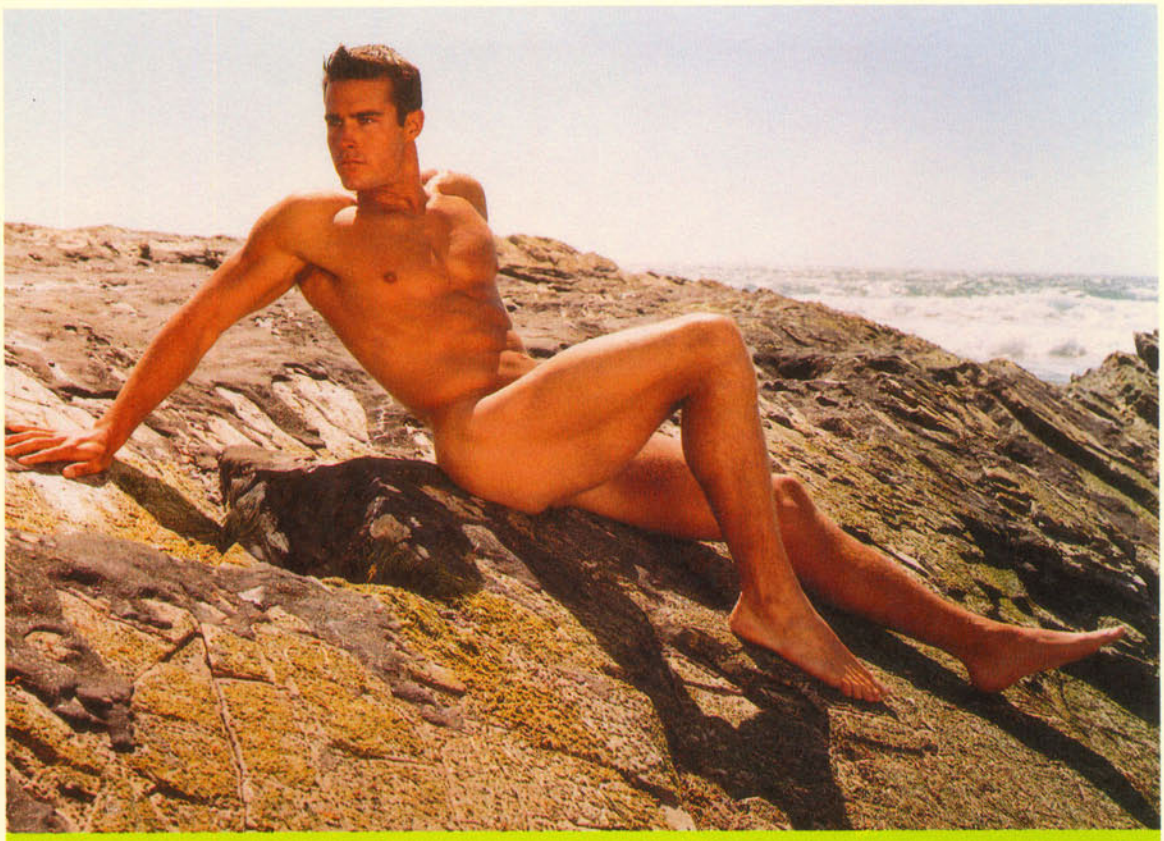
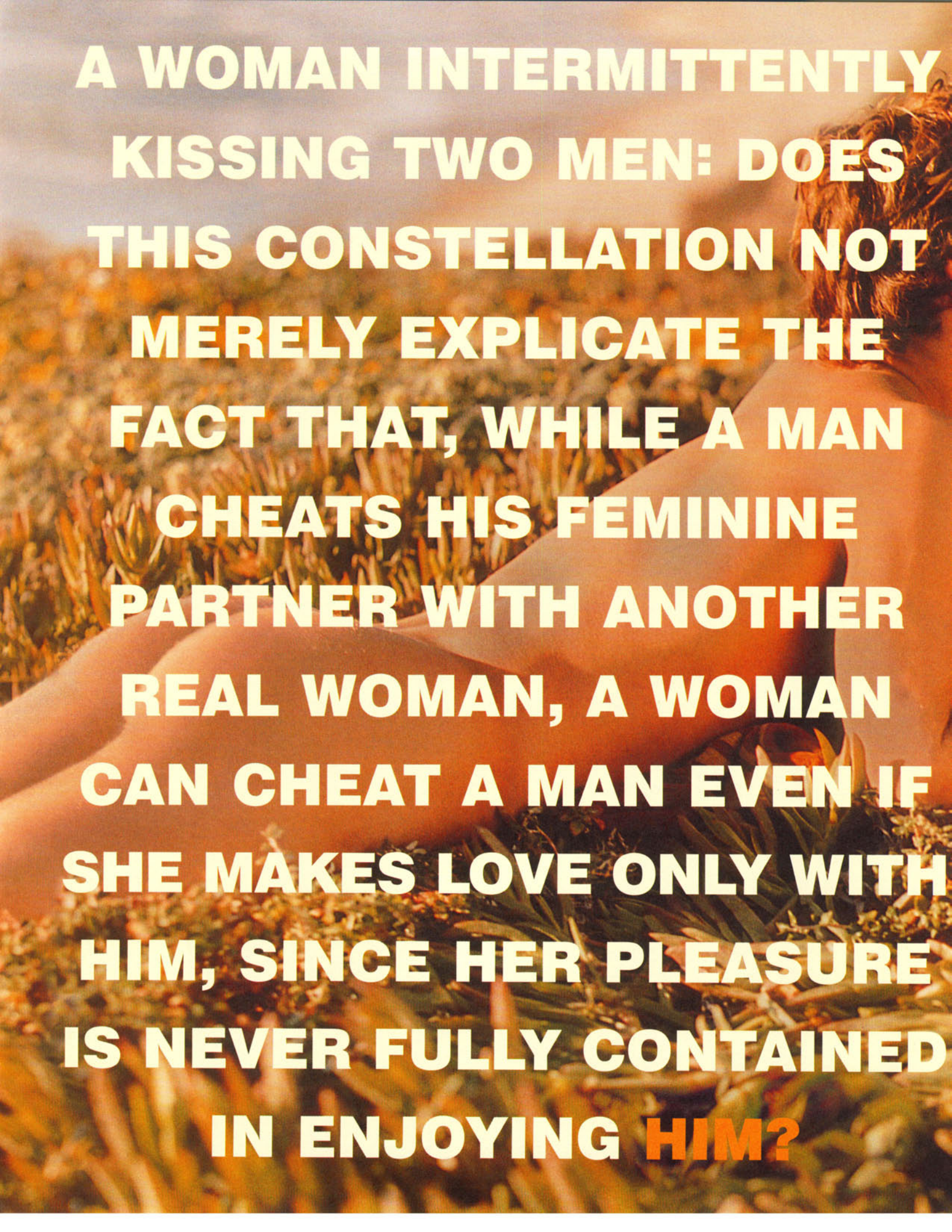

...AND THE WOMAN WANTS TO BE PENETRATED BY A STUD, THEN WHAT TRULY GOES ON WHILE THEY MAKE LOVE IS THAT A HORSE IS RIDING A BIKE... WITH A FANTASY LIKE THAT, WHO NEEDS A PERSONALITY?


THERE CAN BE NO FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN TWINS: THEY ARE TOO CLOSE, SO THE ONLY WAY FOR EACH OF THEM TO MAINTAIN HIS IDENTITY IS TO LIQUIDATE THE OTHER. A FRIEND HAS TO BE OUTSIDE MY REACH, BEYOND MY GRASP. AND THERE CAN BE NO FRIENDSHIP WITH SOMEONE WHOM I AM NOT READY TO BETRAY: A FRIEND IS SOMEONE I CAN BETRAY WITH LOVE.

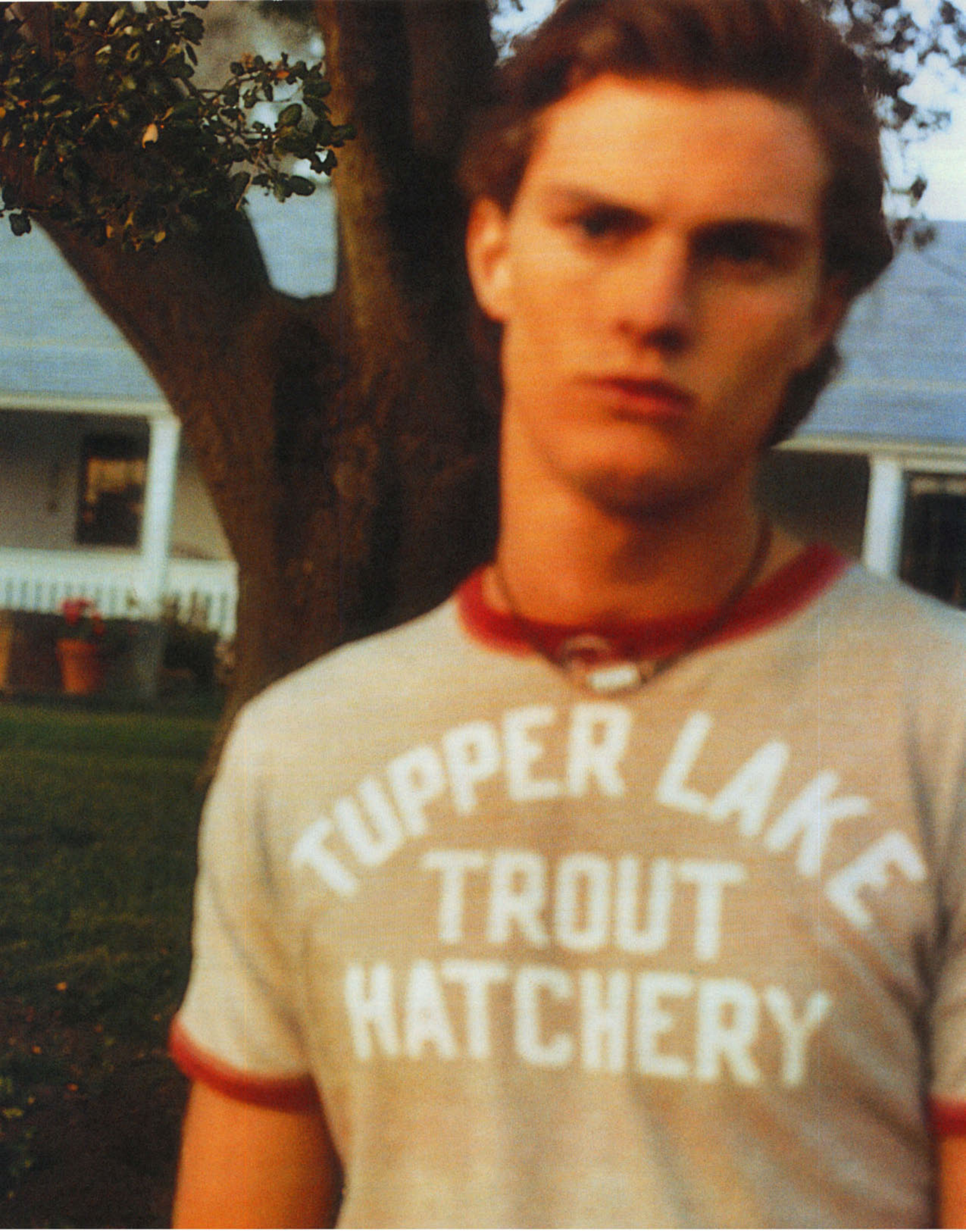








A WOMAN INTERMITTENTLY KISSING TWO MEN: DOES THIS CONSTELLATION NOT MERELY EXPLICATE THE FACT THAT, WHILE A MAN CHEATS HIS FEMININE PARTNER WITH ANOTHER REAL WOMAN, A WOMAN CAN CHEAT A MAN EVEN IF SHE MAKES LOVE ONLY WITH HIM, SINCE HER PLEASURE IS NEVER FULLY CONTAINED IN ENJOYING HIM?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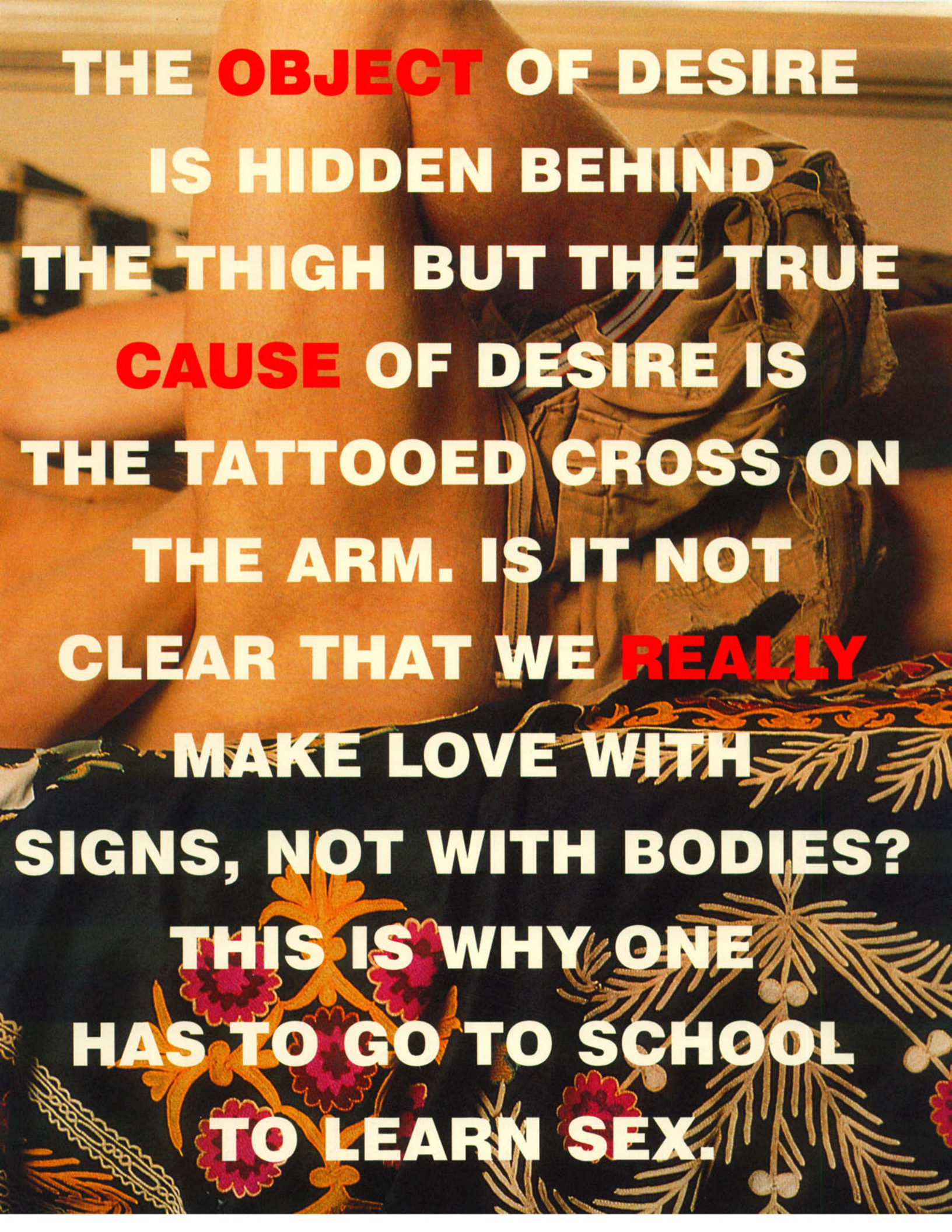
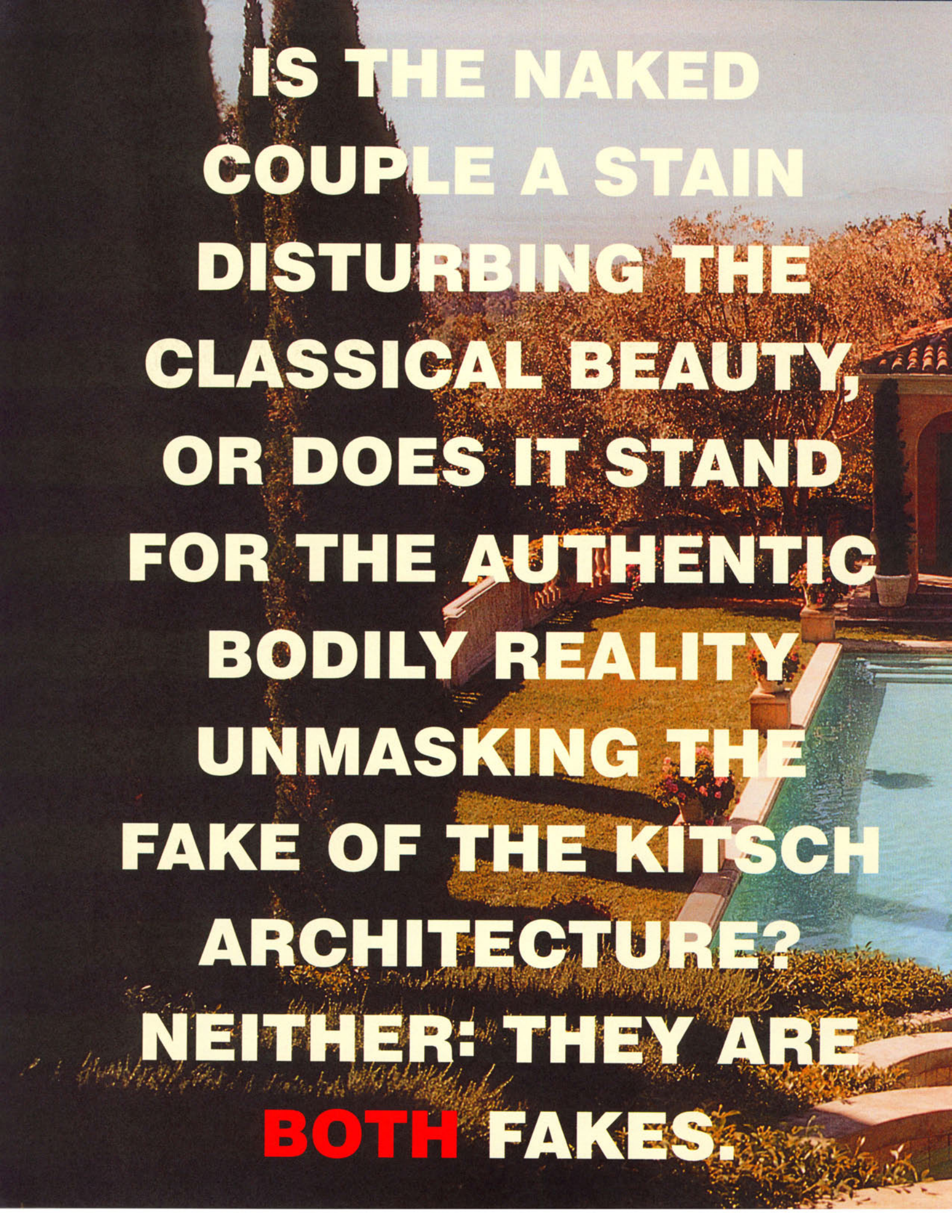
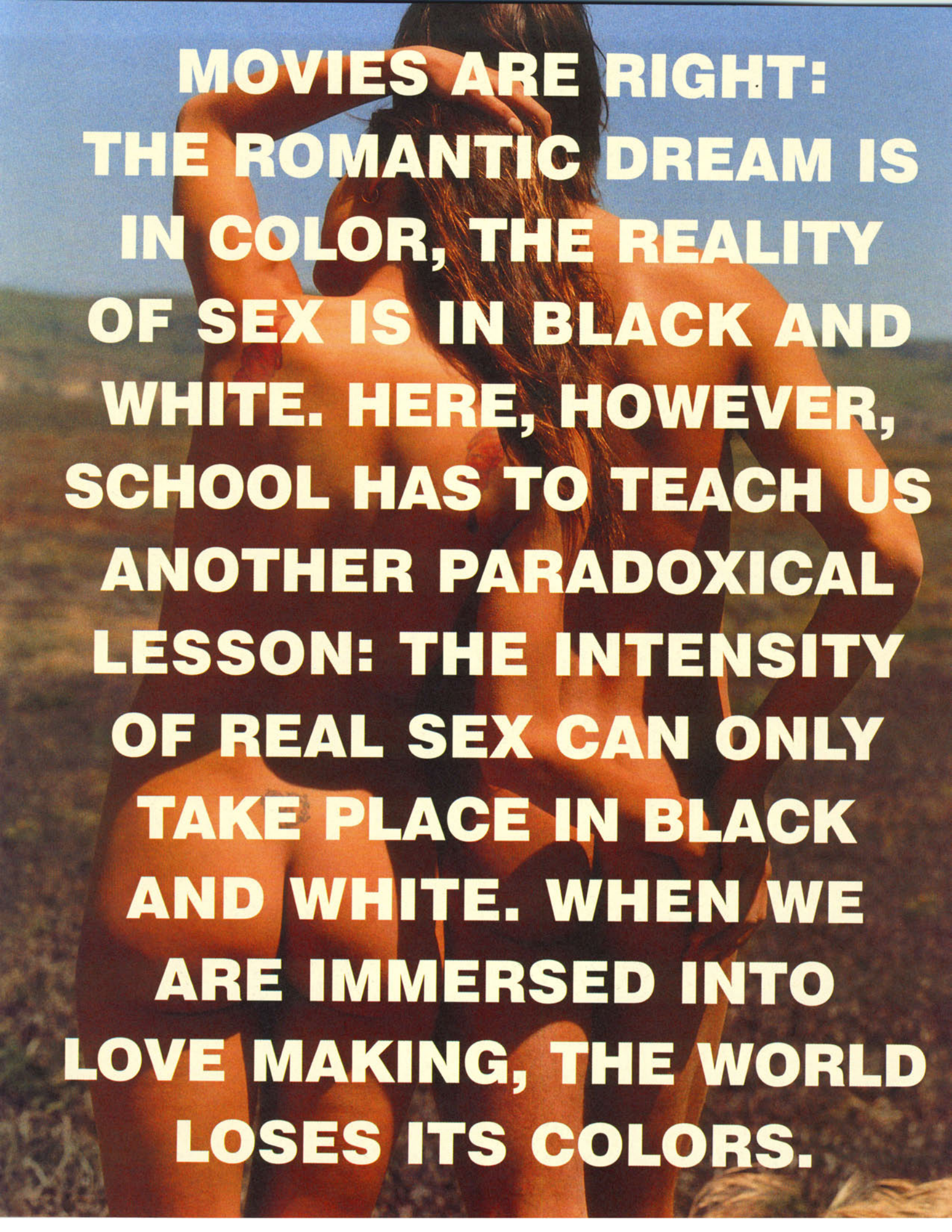
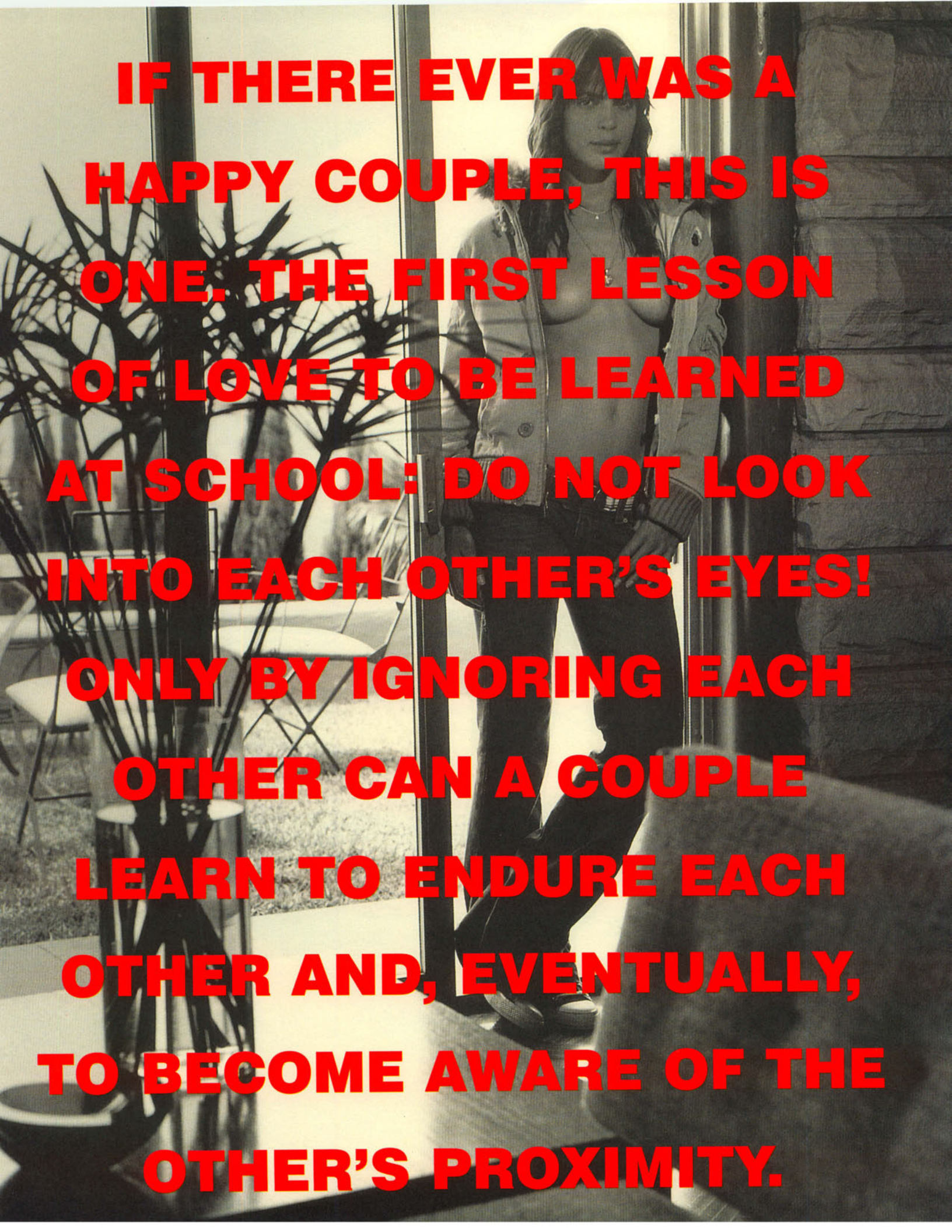

THE OBJECT OF DESIRE
IS HIDDEN BEHIND
THE THIGH BUT THE TRUE
CAUSE OF DESIRE IS
THE TATTOOED CROSS ON
THE ARM. IS IT NOT
CLEAR THAT WE REALLY
MAKE LOVE WITH
SIGNS, NOT WITH BODIES?
THIS IS WHY ONE
HAS TO GO TO SCHOOL
TO LEARN SEX.



IS THE NAKED COUPLE A STAIN DISTURBING THE CLASSICAL BEAUTY, OR DOES IT STAND FOR THE AUTHENTIC BODILY REALITY UNMASKING THE FAKE OF THE KITSCH ARCHITECTURE? NEITHER: THEY ARE **BOTH** FAKES.



MOVIES ARE RIGHT: THE ROMANTIC DREAM IS IN COLOR, THE REALITY OF SEX IS IN BLACK AND WHITE. HERE, HOWEVER, SCHOOL HAS TO TEACH US ANOTHER PARADOXICAL LESSON: THE INTENSITY OF REAL SEX CAN ONLY TAKE PLACE IN BLACK AND WHITE. WHEN WE ARE IMMERSED INTO LOVE MAKING, THE WORLD LOSES ITS COLORS.



IF THERE EVER WAS A HAPPY COUPLE, THIS IS ONE. THE FIRST LESSON OF LOVE TO BE LEARNED AT SCHOOL: DO NOT LOOK INTO EACH OTHER'S EYES! ONLY BY IGNORING EACH OTHER CAN A COUPLE LEARN TO ENDURE EACH OTHER AND, EVENTUALLY, TO BECOME AWARE OF THE OTHER'S PROXIMITY.

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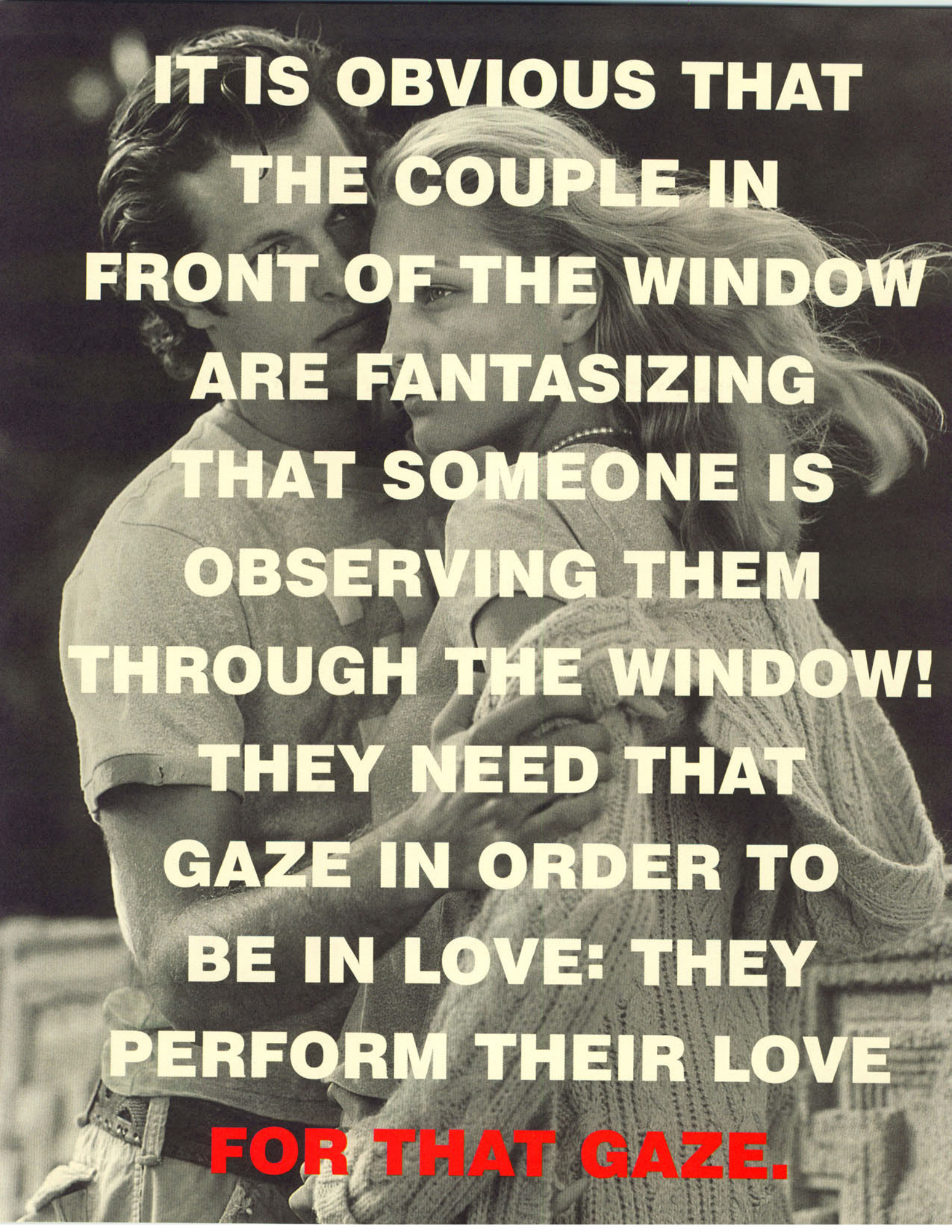
still dream


IT IS OBVIOUS THAT
THE COUPLE IN
FRONT OF THE WINDOW
ARE FANTASIZING
THAT SOMEONE IS
OBSERVING THEM
THROUGH THE WINDOW!
THEY NEED THAT
GAZE IN ORDER TO
BE IN LOVE: THEY
PERFORM THEIR LOVE
FOR THAT GAZE.

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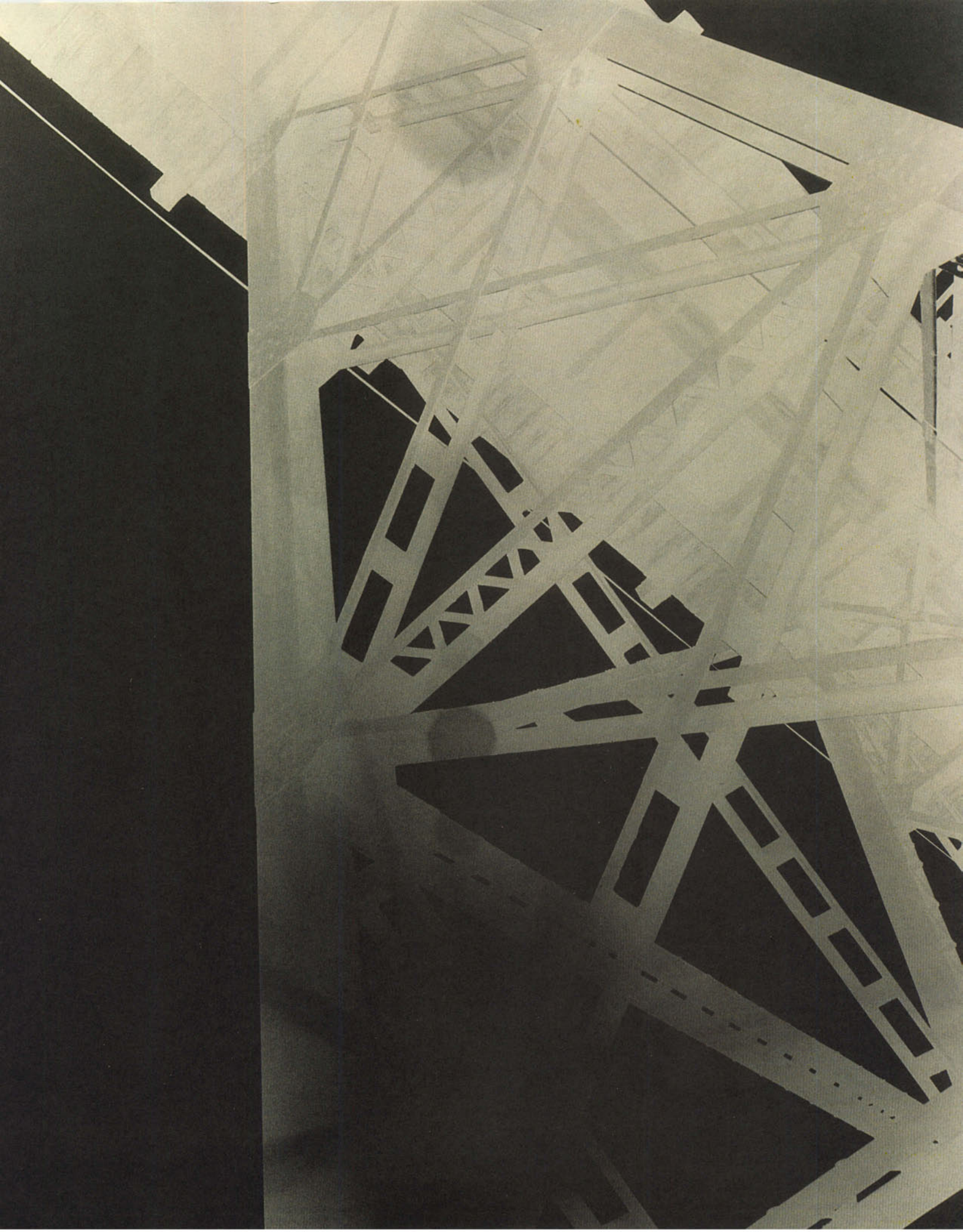
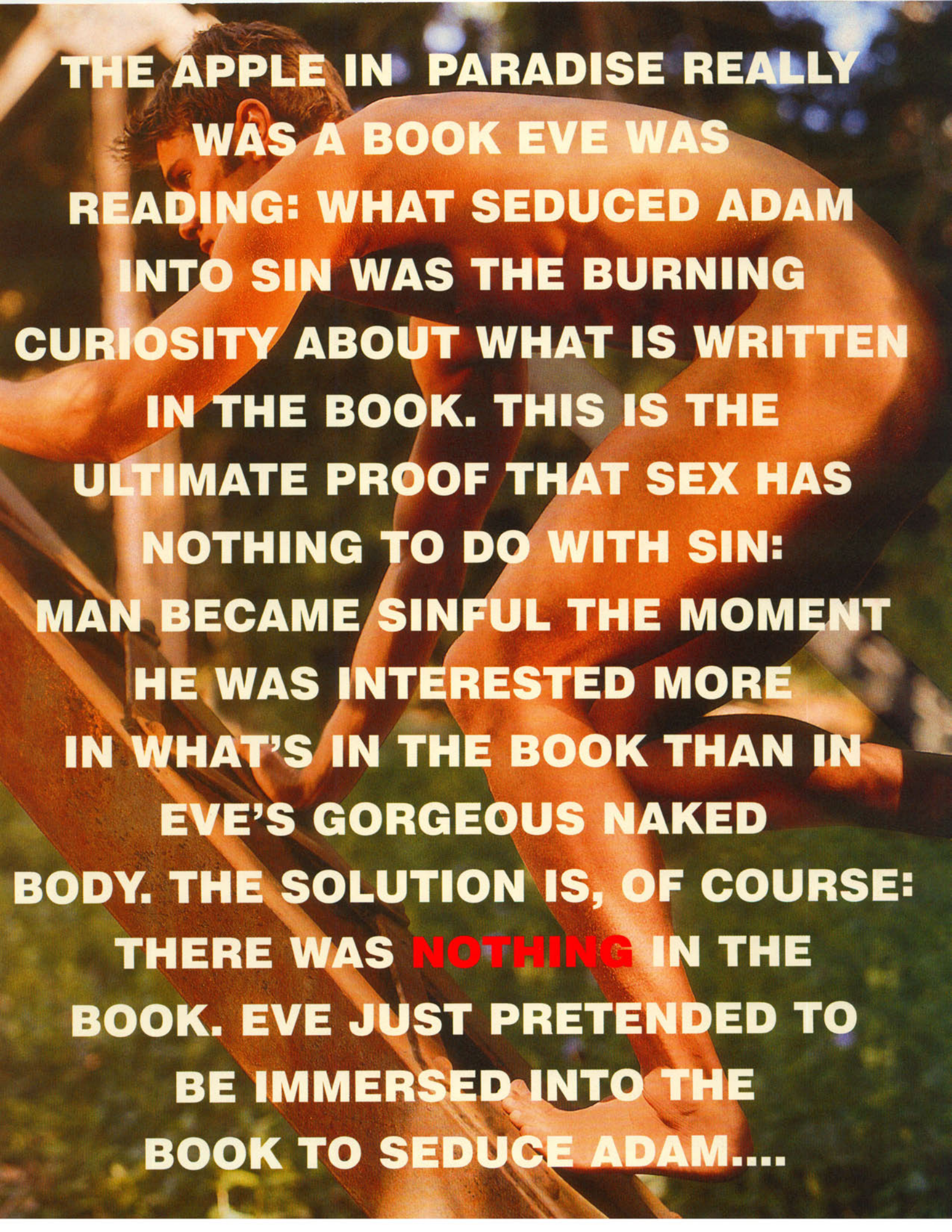
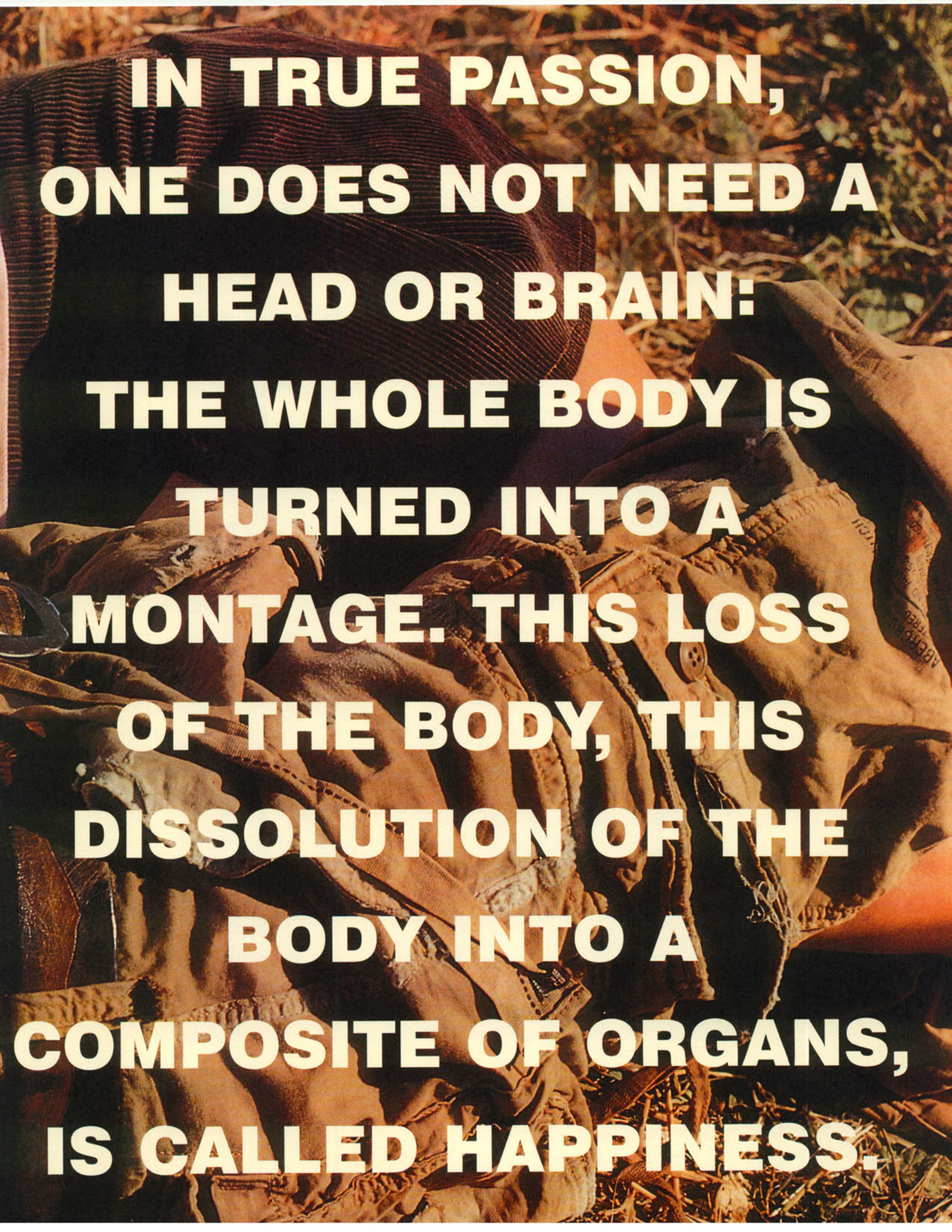




THE APPLE IN PARADISE REALLY WAS A BOOK EVE WAS READING: WHAT SEDUCED ADAM INTO SIN WAS THE BURNING CURIOSITY ABOUT WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK. THIS IS THE ULTIMATE PROOF THAT SEX HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SIN: MAN BECAME SINFUL THE MOMENT HE WAS INTERESTED MORE IN WHAT'S IN THE BOOK THAN IN EVE'S GORGEOUS NAKED BODY. THE SOLUTION IS, OF COURSE: THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE BOOK. EVE JUST PRETENDED TO BE IMMERSED INTO THE BOOK TO SEDUCE ADAM....

Rebecca


IN TRUE PASSION,
ONE DOES NOT NEED A
HEAD OR BRAIN:
THE WHOLE BODY IS
TURNED INTO A
MONTAGE. THIS LOSS
OF THE BODY, THIS
DISSOLUTION OF THE
BODY INTO A
COMPOSITE OF ORGANS,
IS CALLED HAPPINESS.

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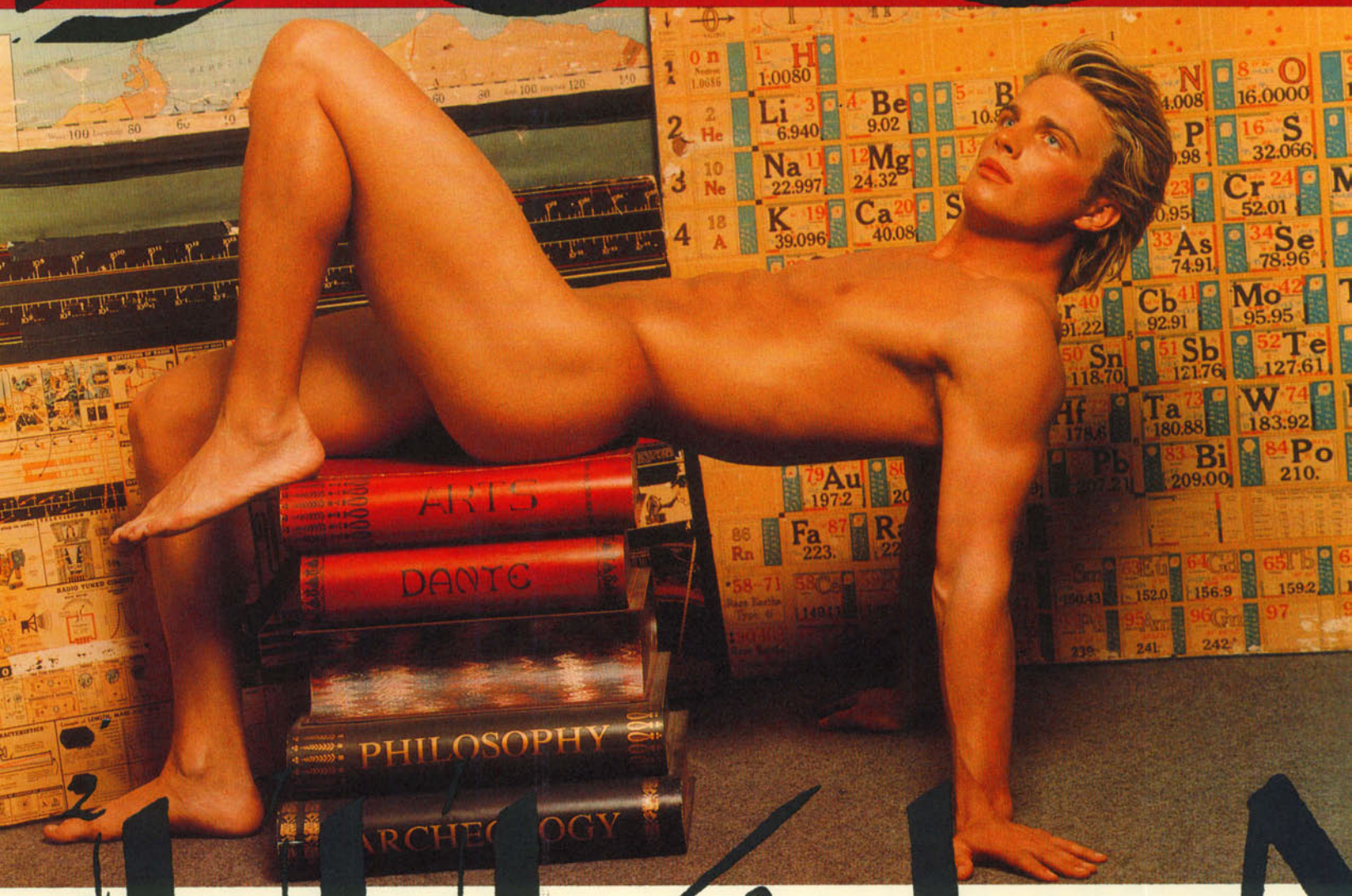

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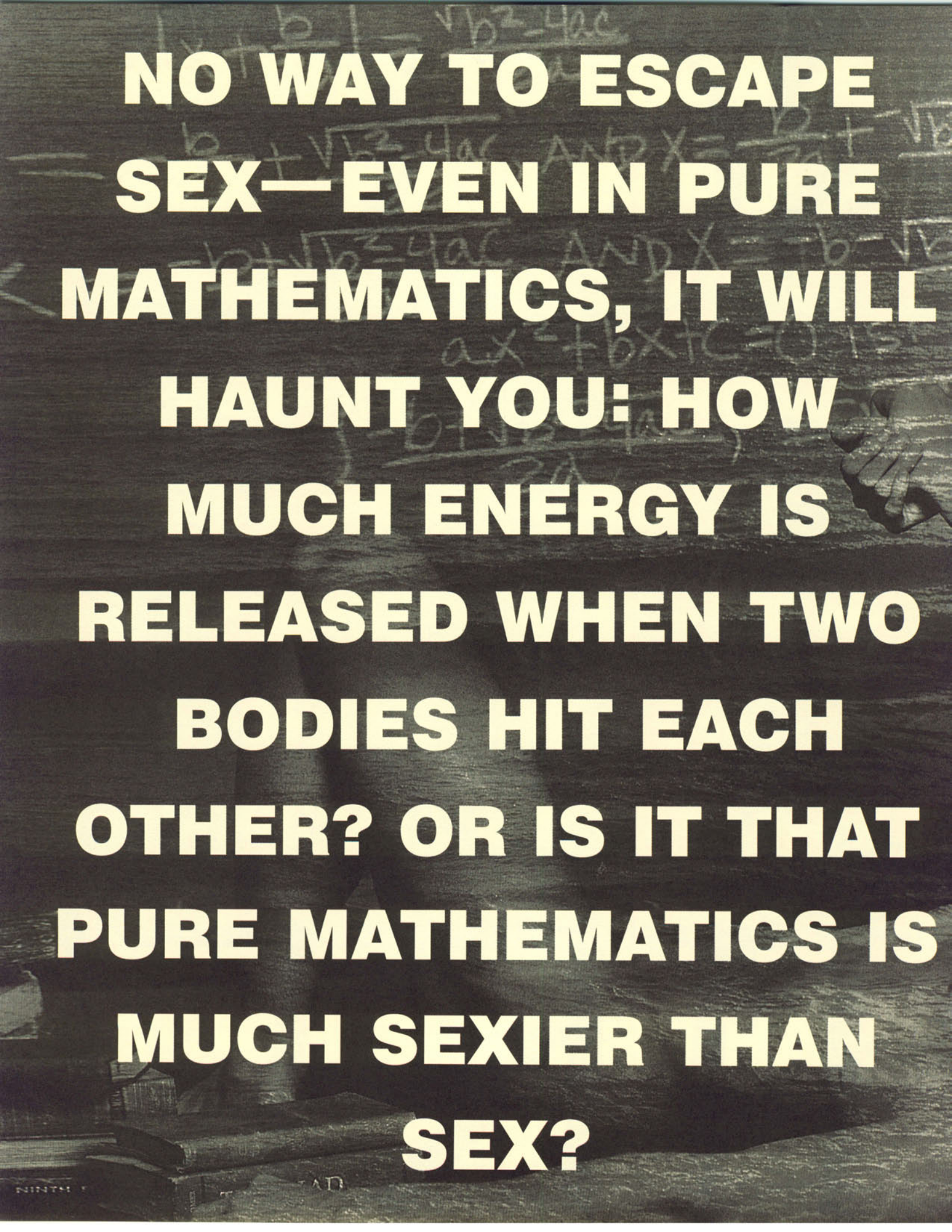
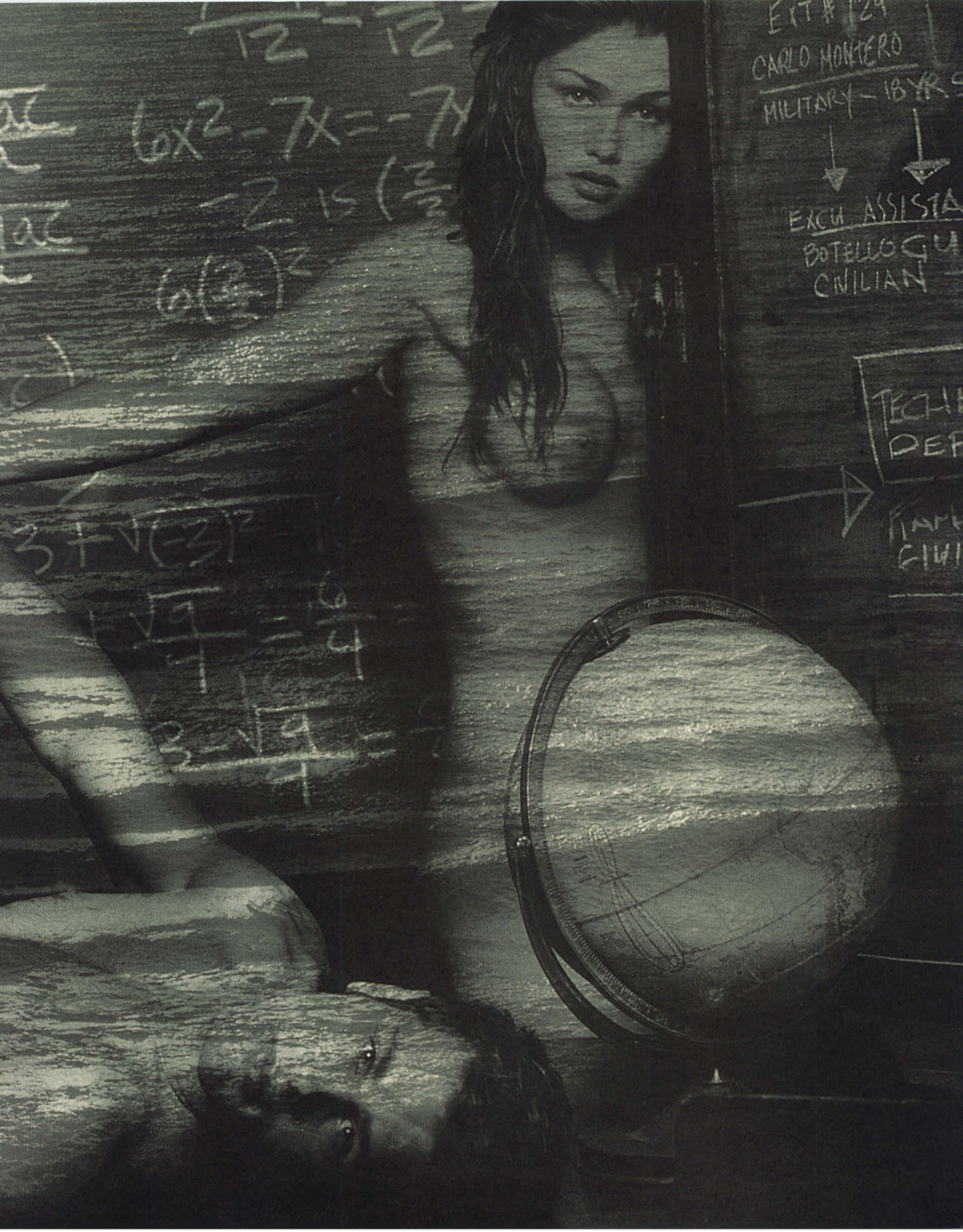


NO WAY TO ESCAPE SEX—EVEN IN PURE MATHEMATICS, IT WILL HAUNT YOU: HOW MUCH ENERGY IS RELEASED WHEN TWO BODIES HIT EACH OTHER? OR IS IT THAT PURE MATHEMATICS IS MUCH SEXIER THAN SEX?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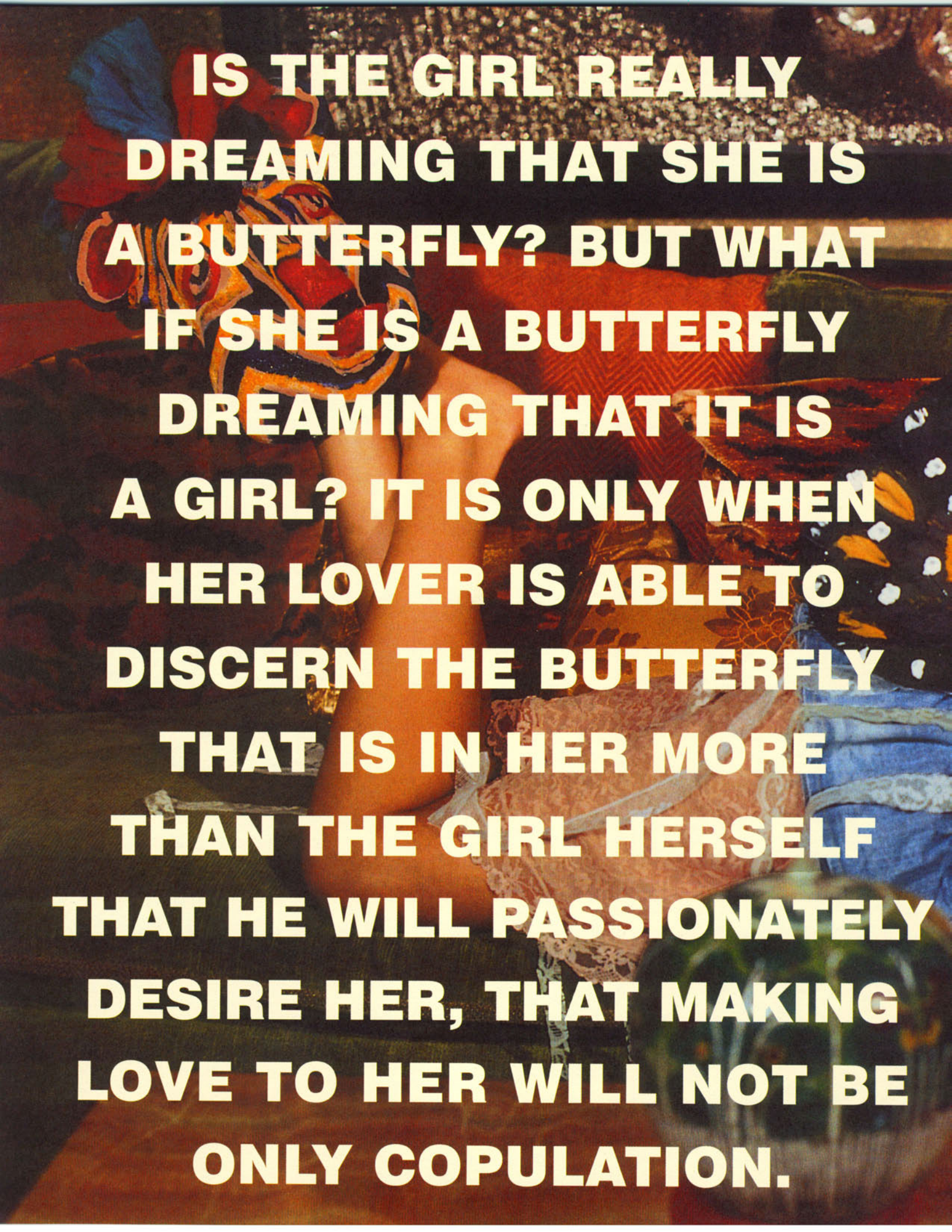
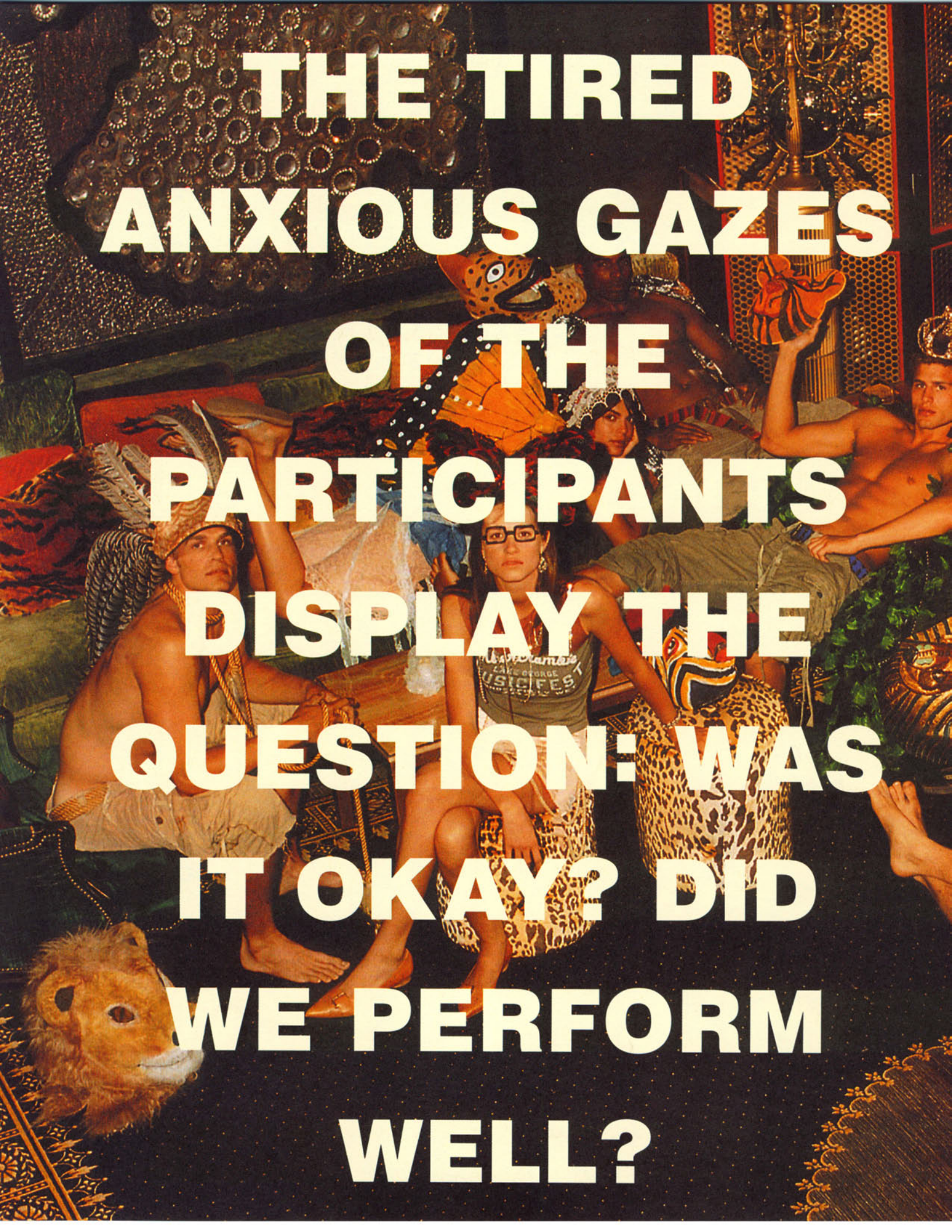
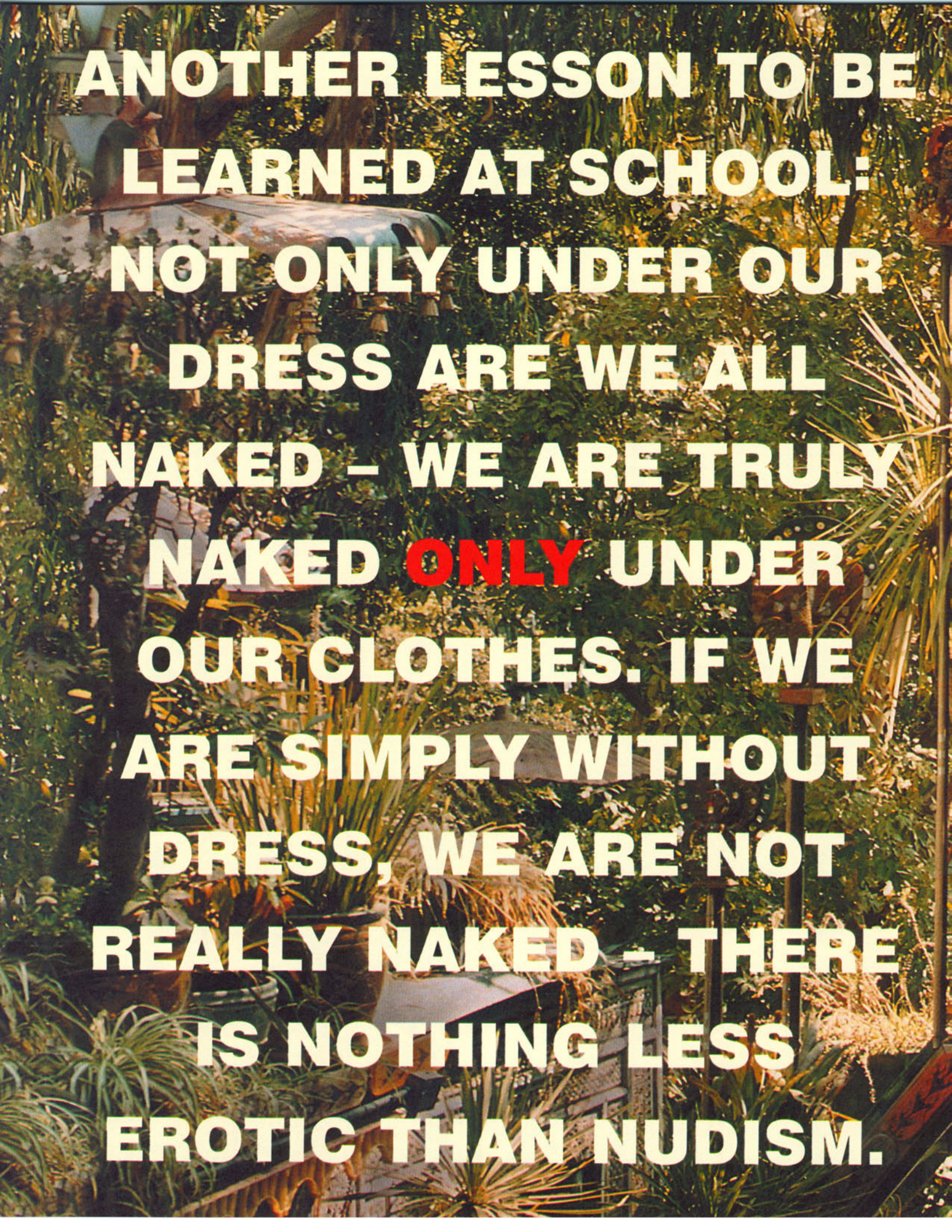
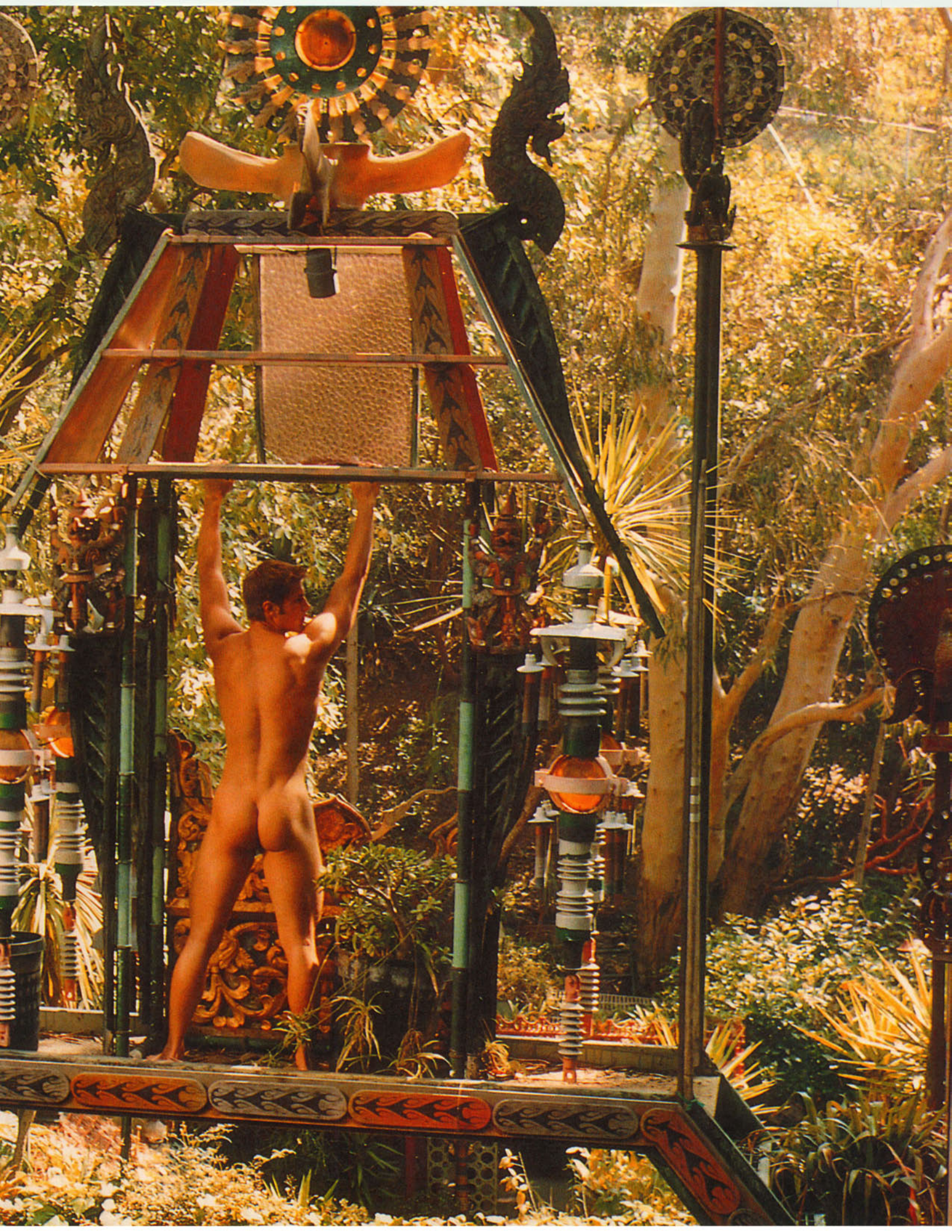
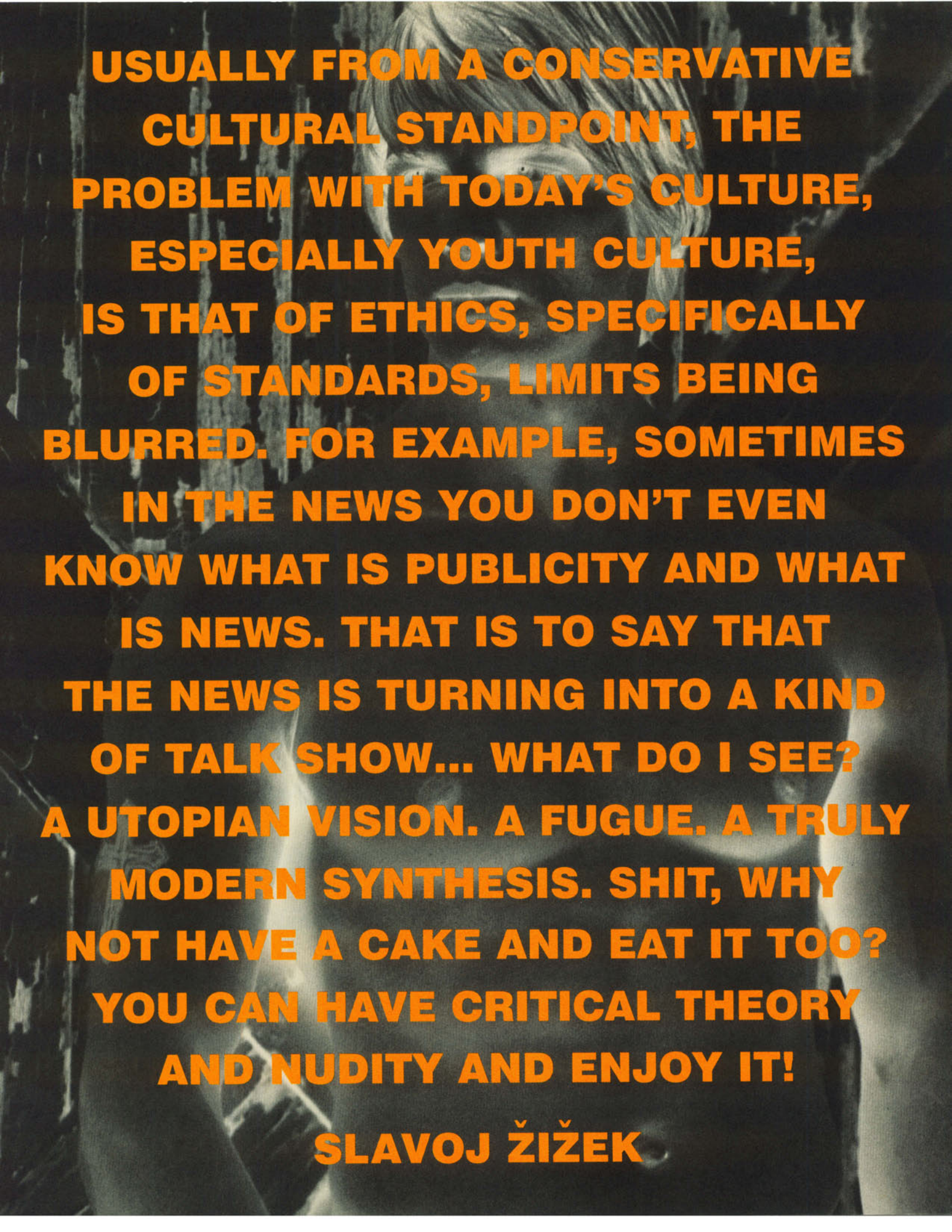


IS THE GIRL REALLY DREAMING THAT SHE IS A BUTTERFLY? BUT WHAT IF SHE IS A BUTTERFLY DREAMING THAT IT IS A GIRL? IT IS ONLY WHEN HER LOVER IS ABLE TO DISCERN THE BUTTERFLY THAT IS IN HER MORE THAN THE GIRL HERSELF THAT HE WILL PASSIONATELY DESIRE HER, THAT MAKING LOVE TO HER WILL NOT BE ONLY COPULATION.


THE TIRED ANXIOUS GAZES OF THE PARTICIPANTS DISPLAY THE QUESTION: WAS IT OKAY? DID WE PERFORM WELL?


ANOTHER LESSON TO BE LEARNED AT SCHOOL: NOT ONLY UNDER OUR DRESS ARE WE ALL NAKED – WE ARE TRULY NAKED ONLY UNDER OUR CLOTHES. IF WE ARE SIMPLY WITHOUT DRESS, WE ARE NOT REALLY NAKED – THERE IS NOTHING LESS EROTIC THAN NUDISM.





USUALLY FROM A CONSERVATIVE CULTURAL STANDPOINT, THE PROBLEM WITH TODAY'S CULTURE, ESPECIALLY YOUTH CULTURE, IS THAT OF ETHICS, SPECIFICALLY OF STANDARDS, LIMITS BEING BLURRED. FOR EXAMPLE, SOMETIMES IN THE NEWS YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IS PUBLICITY AND WHAT IS NEWS. THAT IS TO SAY THAT THE NEWS IS TURNING INTO A KIND OF TALK SHOW... WHAT DO I SEE? A UTOPIAN VISION. A FUGUE. A TRULY MODERN SYNTHESIS. SHIT, WHY NOT HAVE A CAKE AND EAT IT TOO? YOU CAN HAVE CRITICAL THEORY AND NUDITY AND ENJOY IT!

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